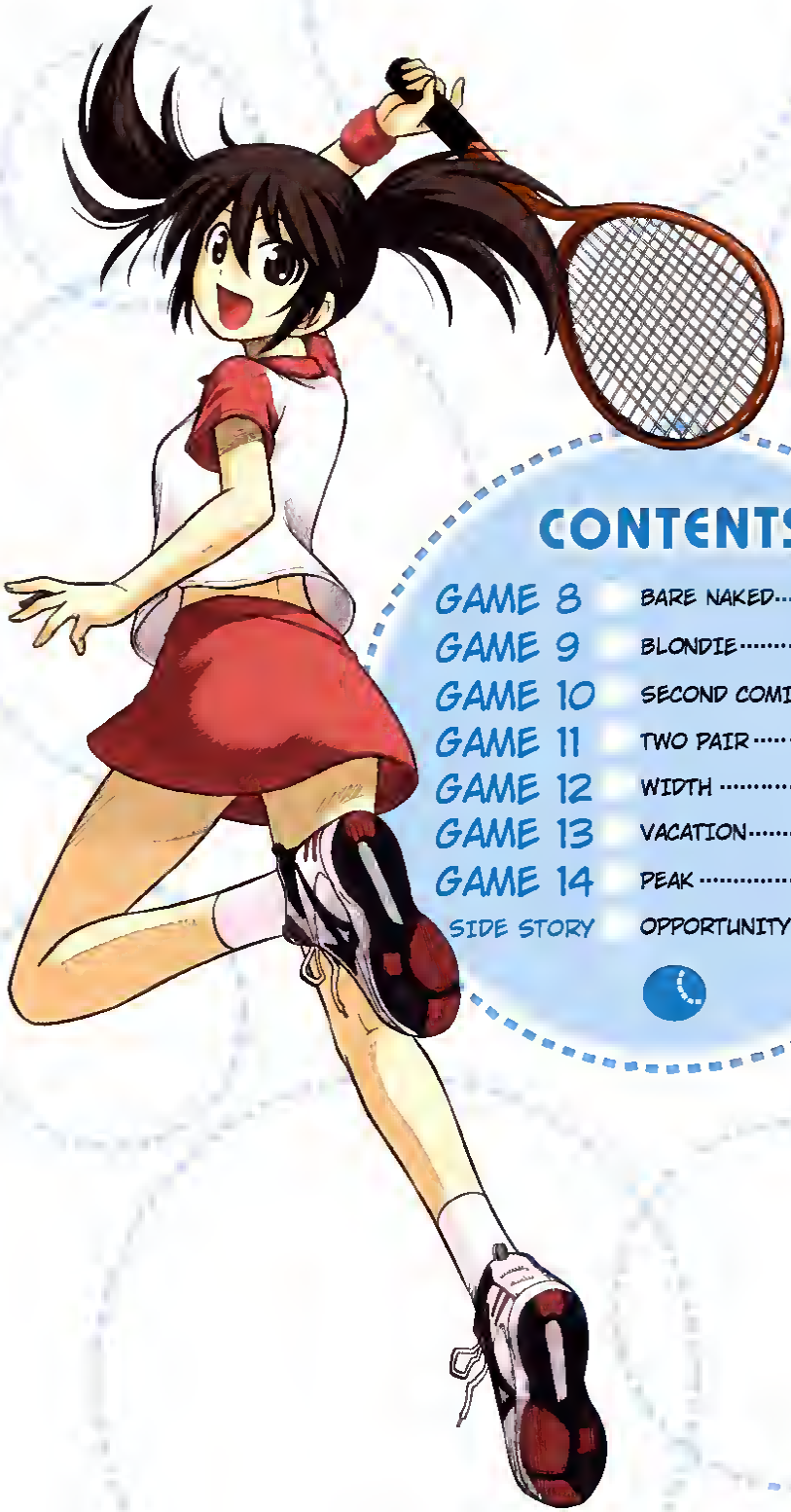
あずちゃん

2

あづち涼

ごくらくビーチ

2



CONTENTS

GAME 8	BARE NAKED	003
GAME 9	BLONDIE	027
GAME 10	SECOND COMING	051
GAME 11	TWO PAIR	075
GAME 12	WIDTH	099
GAME 13	VACATION	123
GAME 14	PEAK	147
SIDE STORY	OPPORTUNITY	167

A BLIZZARD OF CHERRY BLOSSOMS..
DANCING IN THE EVENING SUN!
♪
!!!
AH...
HEY, EVERYONE!!
LOOKIE LOOKIE!

第8ゲーム すっぽんっ
GAME 8 – BARE NAKED

Special Thanks : Tsubasa Fukuchi

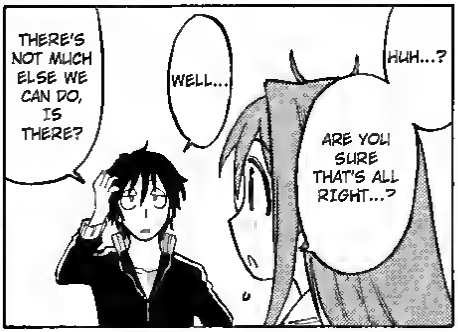
A MISCHIEVOUS SPRING

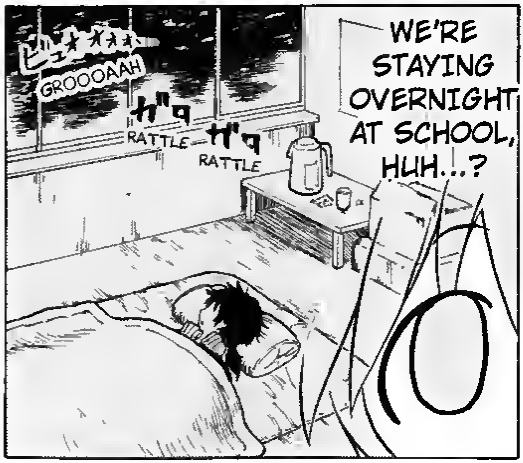
IN ADVERSITY
LOOK AT THIS!! THE BALLS ARE FROZEN SOLID...
GWOOOSH
GLEAM
ER, KOTONE-CHAN, FOR NOW...
...LET'S SEEK SHELTER IN THE SCHOOL!!
WHY'D A BLIZZARD OF CHERRY BLOSSOMS SUDDENLY GO AND BECOME A REAL BLIZZARD?!
WHERE'D THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS GO?!
I CAN'T TAKE THIS!
PASHING
C'MON! WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU?!
WAI--!
!!!
AHA HA HA! THIS IS AWESOME!!
SMASH
OUR PRECIOUS CLUB SUPPLIES!!!
PLEASE, STOP!!!
ZOOOOO
AND ASUNA-CHAN-- DON'T FALL ASLEEP!
RUMBLE RUMBLE
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? HURRY UP AND...
KOTONE-CHAN?

PHEW... SOMEHOW WE MADE IT BACK TO THE SCHOOL...
I WAS TOTALLY GOOFING OFF..
WE WERE NEARLY STRANDED OUT THERE ON THE GROUNDS...
HUH?!
YOU KIDS ARE STILL HERE?!
OH, MISHIMAGI-SENSEI.
WELL, I'M AT A LOSS...
RATS...
I WAS SURE EVERYONE HAD MADE IT HOME ALREADY.
WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT YOU GUYS WERE STILL GOING AT IT OUTSIDE.
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
WELL ..THE BUSSES ARE TOTALLY OUT OF SERVICE THANKS TO THE FIERCE WINTER STORM...
AND EVEN IF I WERE TO TRY AND TAKE YOU HOME BY CAR, VISIBILITY IS SO UNCERTAIN OUT THERE THAT IT'D BE PRETTY RISKY.
ON TOP OF THAT
WHAT?!
THEN HOW'RE WE SUPPOSED TO GET HOME...?
HMMM ..
WELL, FOR NOW ..

I THINK WE HAVE TO CONSIDER..
...SPENDING THE NIGHT HERE.

THERE'S NO TELLING WHEN THE BLIZZARD WILL LET UP.
AND I'D RATHER NOT FREEZE TO DEATH OR WHATEVER ALONG THE WAY.

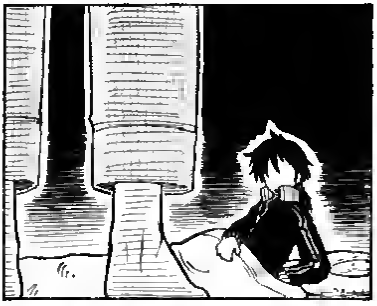

THERE'S NOT MUCH ELSE WE CAN DO, IS THERE?
WELL...
HUH...?
ARE YOU SURE THAT'S ALL RIGHT...?

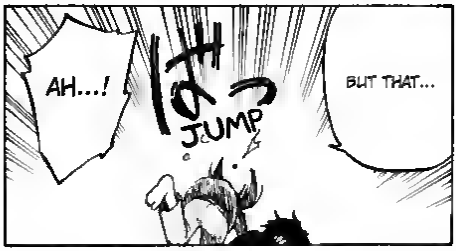

ビュオオオオ
GROOOAAH
RATTLE
RATTLE
WE'RE STAYING OVERNIGHT AT SCHOOL, HUH...?

WOO HOO!
LET'S DO IT. ♪
THIS IS ACTUALLY PRETTY AWESOME!!
...

I CAN'T FALL ASLEEP. . THE NOISES OUTSIDE ARE TOO SCARY.
DO YOU THINK I COULD...
...SLEEP WITH YOU?

MISSHI ...
ARE YOU ASLEEP ...?




AH...!
はっ
JUMP
BUT THAT...

HONESTLY
YOU'RE SUCH A KID, KOTONE

WOO! OKAY, SO IF THAT'S HOW IT'LL GO, YOU BETTER TAKE A SHOWER FIRST!!
HUH...?
YEAH, I GUESS SO. .
I AM A LITTLE CHILLY.
RIGHT, KOTONE-CHAN?!
AW, YEAH!
くっはあ

...ENDS TONIGHT!
I'LL MAKE A WOMAN OUT OF YOU.
MISSHI...

THE GREAT HIDDEN BATH
THIS IS QUITE THE SURPRISE.
WOW...
WHO KNOWS?
BUT REALLY, DO THEY ACTUALLY NEED ALL THIS?
I GUESS IT'S LIKE THE TEACHERS' SECRET HIDEAWAY?
IT'S THE FIRST I'VE HEARD OF IT, TOO.
WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT THERE WAS A HUGE BATH IN THE SCHOOL BASEMENT...?
RATTLE
WAH!
THIS IS PRETTY AMAZING!!
EVERYONE, HURRY!!

TA-DAH!
THERE ARE SO MANY DIFFERENT TUBS!
♪
THIS...
THIS REALLY IS INCREDIBLE.
YEAH...
TO THINK THERE'RE SO MANY...
YEE HAW!
...
BUT...
ARE'NT THERE PLENTY OF BETTER THINGS...
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
...FOR THEM TO SPEND TONS OF MONEY ON...?
ER...I SUPPOSE SO...

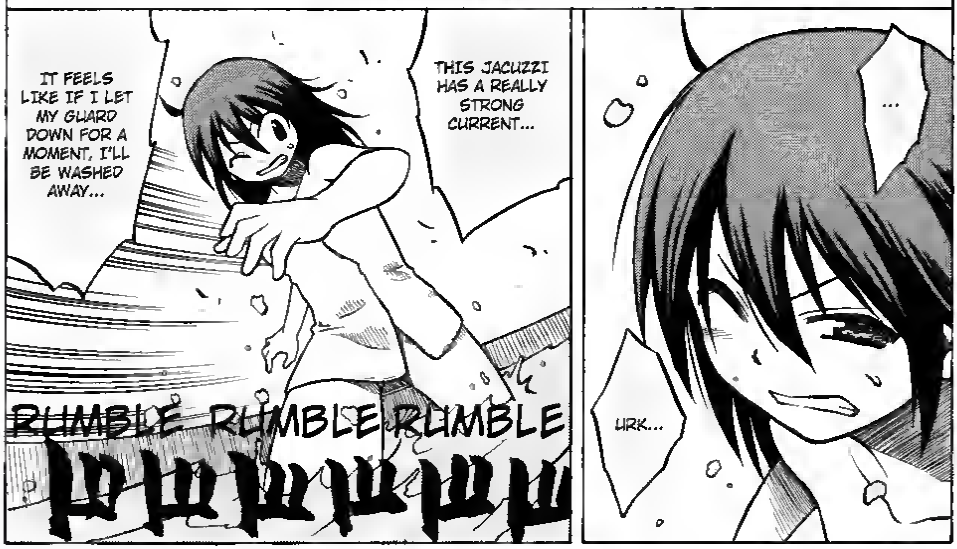
HOW TO FIGHT THE POWER

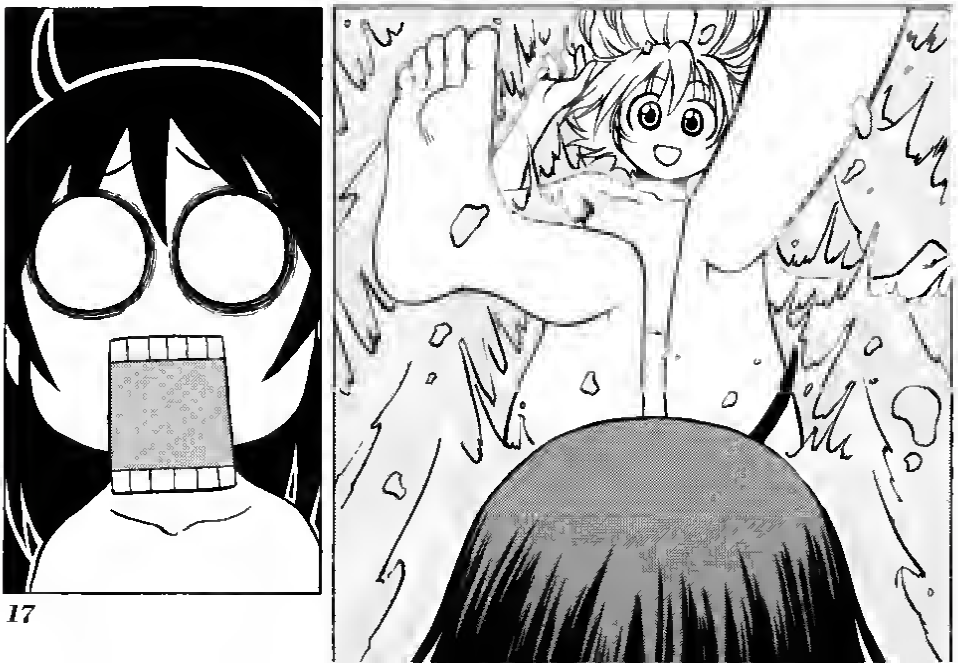
ALL WE HAVE TO DO...
...IS SHOW THEM HOW IMPORTANT WE ARE.
OH, MY!
NOT AS DIFFICULT AS YOU MIGHT THINK.
HMM, I THINK THAT'D BE A TRICKY ONE.
SEEMS DOUBTFUL.
AHHH.
YOU THINK WE COULD GET THEM TO LET US USE THESE REGULARLY?
THE BATHS, I MEAN
HUH?
WHAT'S THAT MEAN...?
FLIP
TAKE A LOOK AT THIS.
IF YOU WANT SOMETHING, JUST GET A HOLD OF SOMEONE AT THE TOP, AND THINGS GENERALLY WORK THEMSELVES OUT. ♡
SCARY!!!
TIES TO THE TOP, YOU KNOW! ♡
IS... ISN'T THIS...
THE PRINCIPAL?!
BAM
?
WHAT'S THIS PHO--
AH!

GIANT BREASTS AREN'T GROWN IN A DAY
WELL, UMM...
ISN'T THAT NICE.
IT'S MY IMPRESSION OF YOU. ♡
CHECK THIS OUT, Y'ALL!!
Y'ALL?
BO-YOING
ボイーン
HEY, HEY, CHITOSE-SAN! LOOKIE LOOKIE. ♪
HUH?
AH...
SQUISH
むにゅ
KOTONE, LOOK AT MY GINORMOUS...
HI-OK TURN
HAHAHA!
A LITTLE GIRL LIKE YOU DOESN'T DESERVE HUMONGOUS ♪ TITS YET!
YOU... YOU BOOB THIEF!
PEACE OUT! ♪
GIVE THEM BAAACK!
AH!!!
THEY'RE MINE NOW!
SWOOSH

THE BLAZING HOT QUEEN OF DELUSIONS
IT'S HOT...
BUT IF I THINK OF THIS...
...AS TRAINING TO BUILD ENDURANCE, IT'S NOT SO BAD.
IN THE SAUNA
BESIDES, I'VE GOT TO BELIEVE!
THE HEAT MAY BRING SOME PAIN WITH IT...
BUT BEYOND THAT...
HEY, ASUNA. YOU DON'T NEED TO PUSH YOURSELF JUST GET OUT.
はあ PANT
はあ PANT
...LIES A HERETOFORE UNKNOWN DEGREE...
...OF AMAZING POSSIBILITY!!

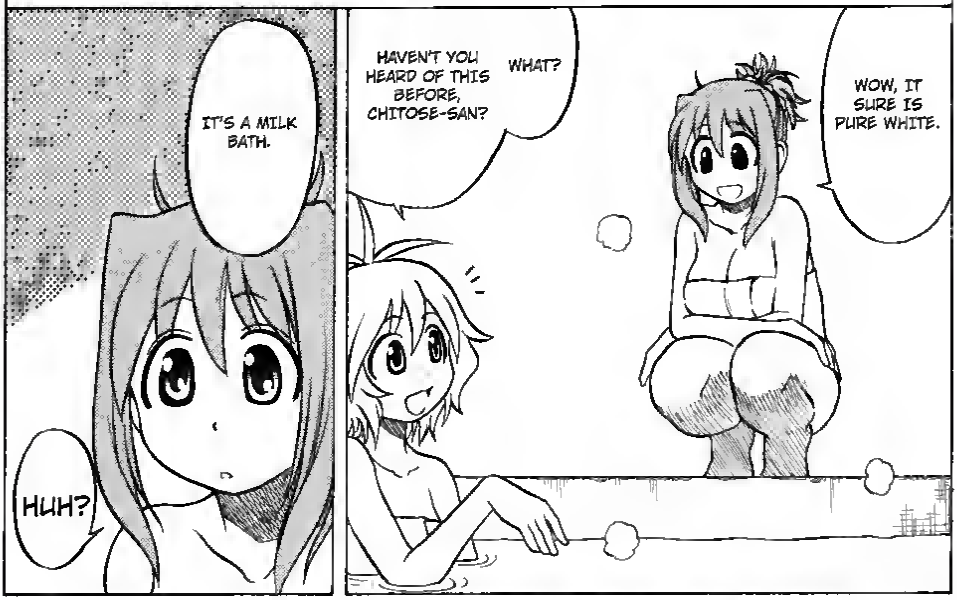
FLOWING ON AND ON 1

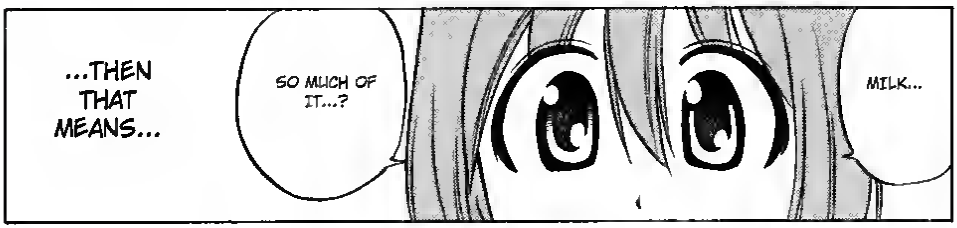

IT FEELS LIKE IF I LET MY GUARD DOWN FOR A MOMENT, I'LL BE WASHED AWAY...
THIS JACUZZI HAS A REALLY STRONG CURRENT...
RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE
...
URK...

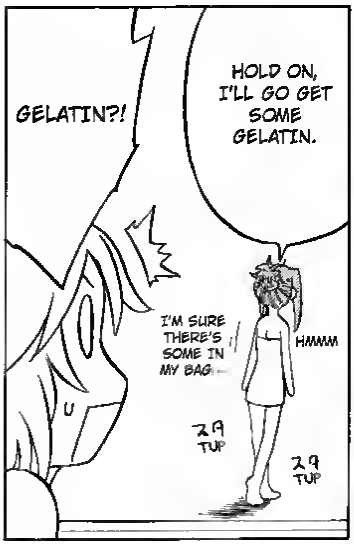


FLOWING ON AND ON 2
I WILL STAY HERE DOWNSTREAM...
うおおおおおおおお WOOOO!
...AND CATCH ALL OF THE BALLS KURUSU-CHAN SENDS MY WAY.
OKAY, KURUSU-CHAN!
ALL AT ONCE, OKAY?
SEND THE BALLS DOWN THE CURRENT. ♪
OK
I'M READY FOR WHATEVER COMES AT ME!
THIS WAY I CAN SHOW THEM HOW I TRAIN MY WEAKEST POINT--MY REFLEXES...!

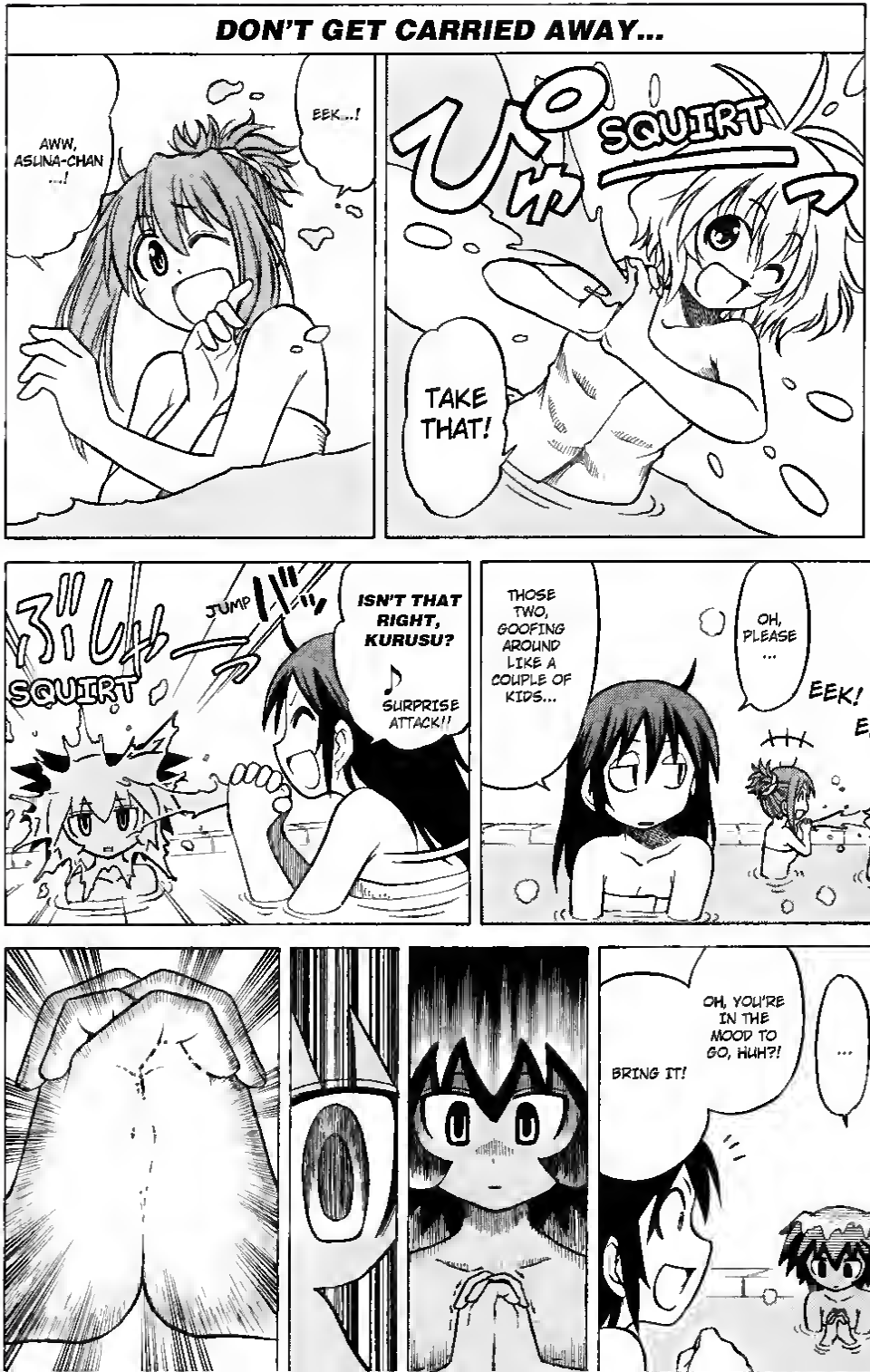
MILKY DREAM

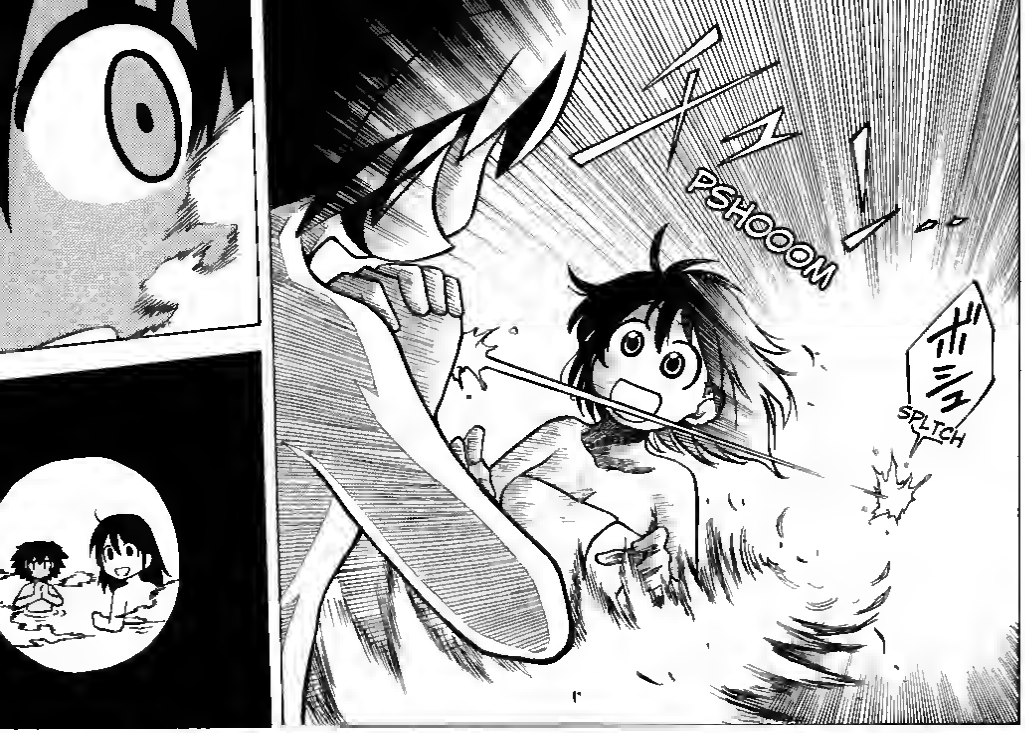

IT'S A MILK BATH.
HUH?
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD OF THIS BEFORE, CHITOSE-SAN?
WHAT?
WOW, IT SURE IS PURE WHITE.

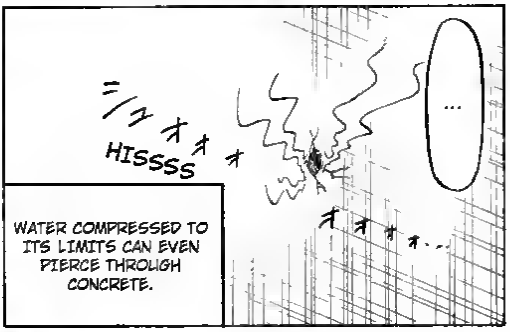

...THEN THAT MEANS...
SO MUCH OF IT...?
MILK...


GELATIN?!
HOLD ON, I'LL GO GET SOME GELATIN.
I'M SURE THERE'S SOME IN MY BAG
HMMM
TUP
TUP

GREAT
...OF MILK PUDDING!
I CAN MAKE A WHOLE TON...

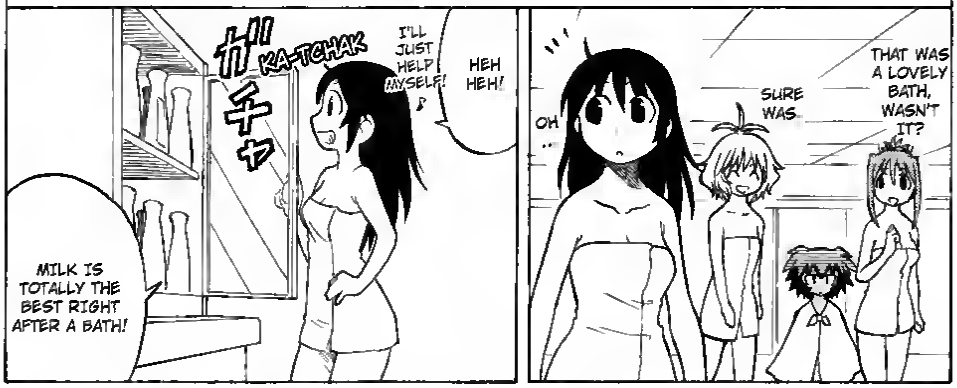

DON'T GET CARRIED AWAY...
AWW, ASUNA-CHAN ...!
EEK...!
SQUIRT
TAKE THAT!
SQUIRT
JUMP
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, KURUSU?
SURPRISE ATTACK!!
THOSE TWO, GOOFING AROUND LIKE A COUPLE OF KIDS...
OH, PLEASE ...
EEK!
EEK!
OH, YOU'RE IN THE MOOD TO GO, HUH?!
BRING IT!
...

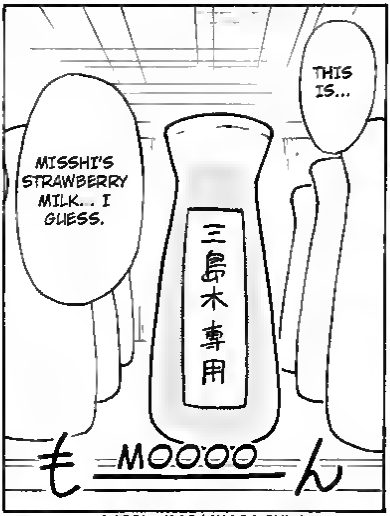




NOODLE CUP: HABANERO NOODLES

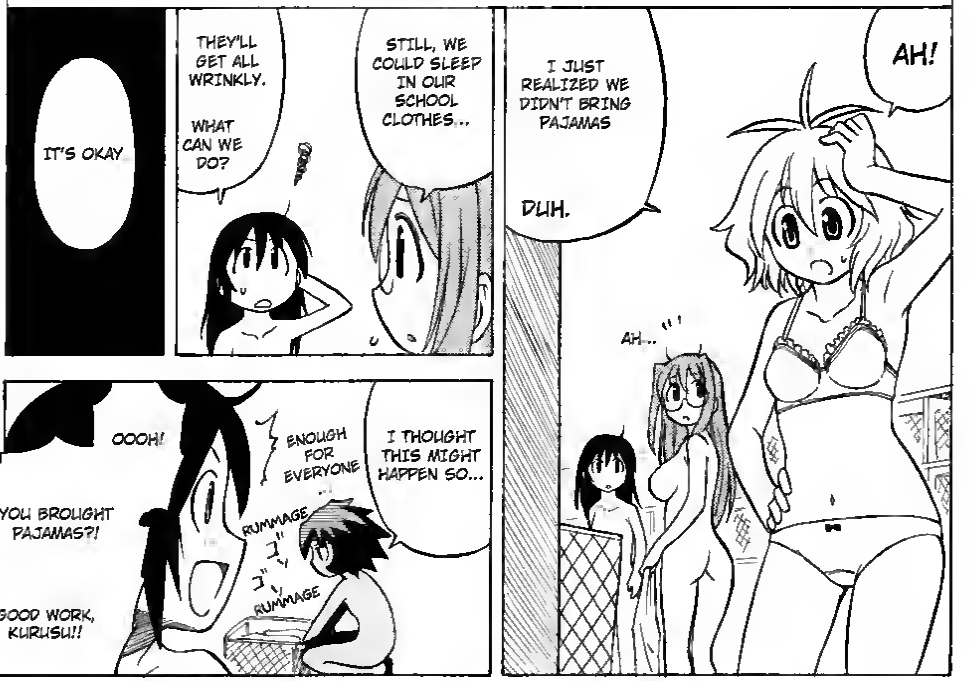
YOU DRINK SOME, YOU LOSE SOME

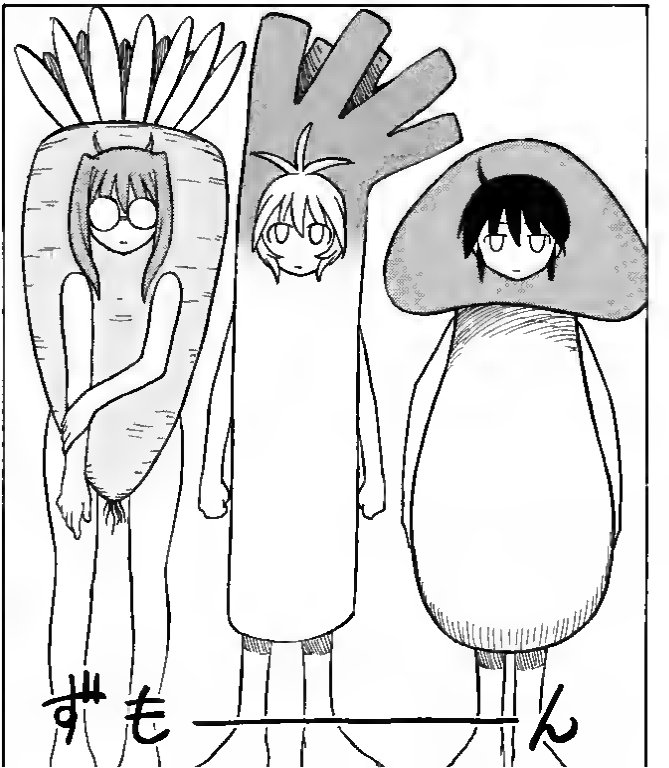




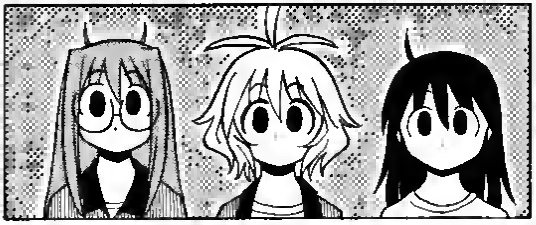
LABEL: MISHIMAGI ONLY

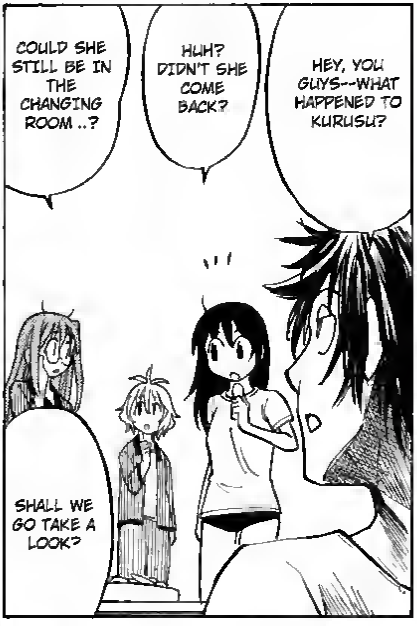
PAJAMA PARTY

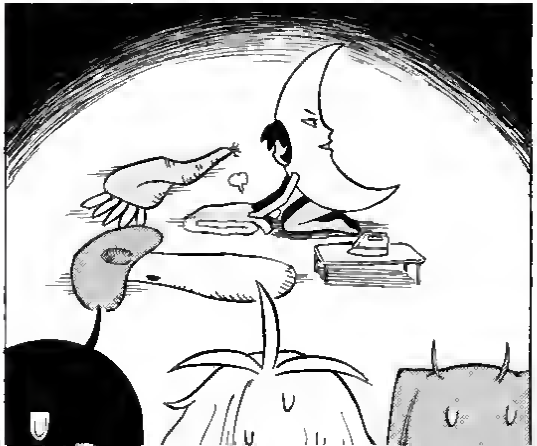




POST-BATH ENNUI







SWHOOOSH

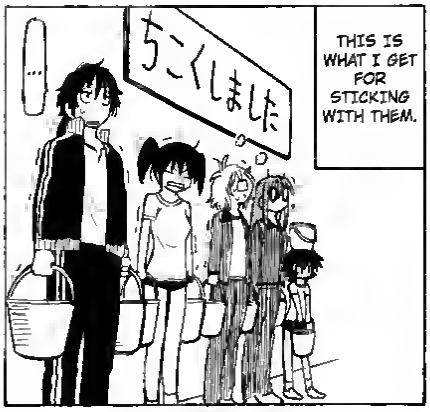
SHIVER
SHIVER
...
YEAH.
THE NOISE OUTSIDE IS GETTING TO ME.

OOOSH
HEY...
YOU STILL AWAKE?

SAME HERE.

SWHOOOSH
I JUST CAN'T SEEM...
...TO GET TO SLEEP.

YAWN.
I CAN'T TELL IF THEY'RE TENNIS NUTS OR JUST A BUNCH OF NUTS PLAYING TENNIS...
HONESTLY, THESE GIRLS...
OKAY, BRING IT, KURUSU!!
ASUNA, NICE LOB!!



SIGN: WE WERE TARDY

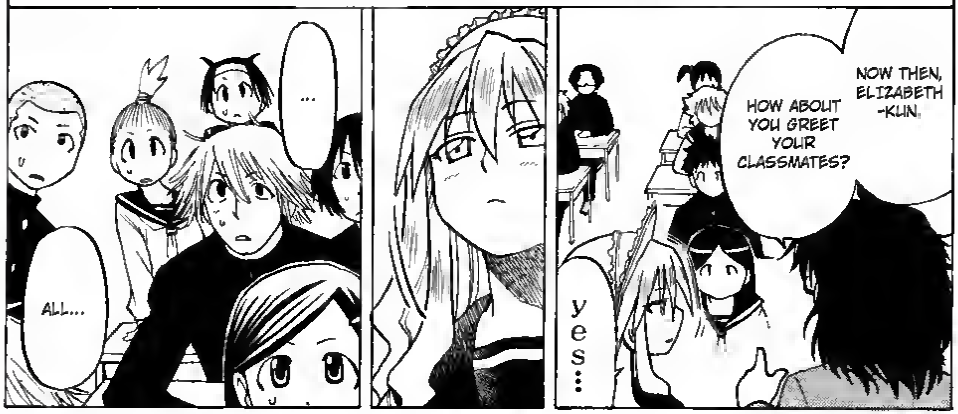
HUFF
HUFF!
HUFF
HUFF!
WHOOSH
MMMPH!
I'M LATE.
I'M LATE...
AH.
HMMM...
BUT SINCE WHEN DID WE HAVE FOREIGNERS AT OUR SCHOOL...?
IS SHE'S FOREIGN?
WHAT BEAUTIFUL BLONDE HAIR...
WELL, AT THE VERY LEAST...
...THERE'S NO WAY I'M GONNA LOSE HERE.
AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF JAPAN!!!

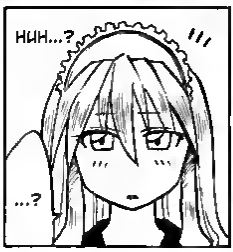
GAME 9 - BLONDIE
第9ゲーム ぱつきんっ

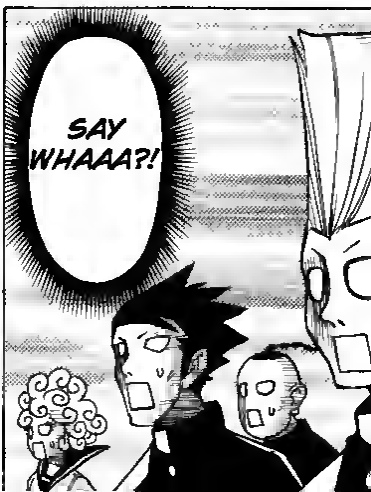
ROUND 2

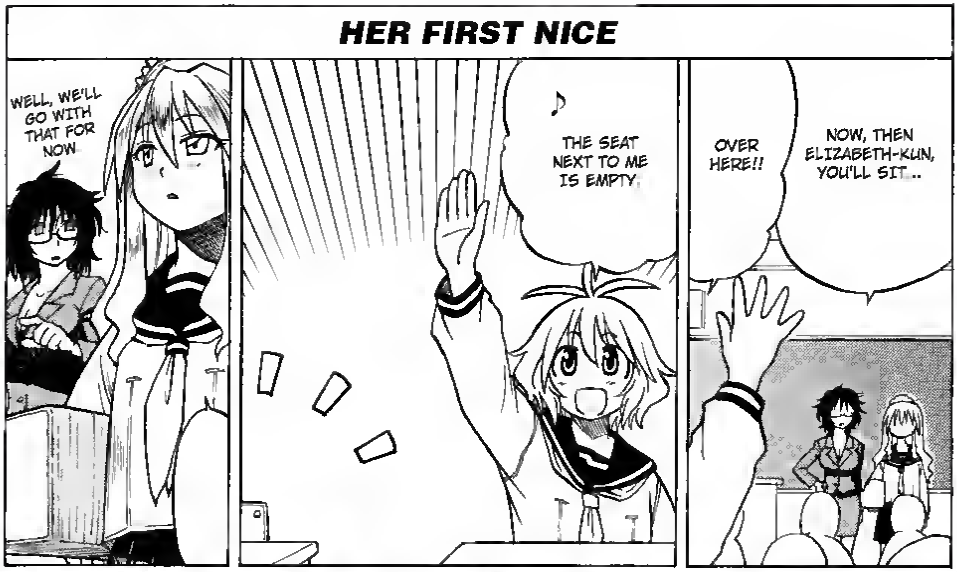
2-B HOMEROOM TEACHER MIYOSHI KYOUKO (28)
...SHE'S GOING TO BE JOINING YOU IN YOUR STUDIES.
STARTING TODAY, AND FOR THE NEXT 2 YEARS...
ざわ MURMUR
ざわ MURMUR
SO...
THERE YOU HAVE IT.
...ELIZABETH WARREN-KUN.
PRESENTING OUR EXCHANGE STUDENT FROM ENGLAND...
LOOKS LIKE THAT WAS TOO MUCH FOR HER AFTER ALL
SPEAKING OF WHICH...
WE'LL CALL THIS ONE A TIE, I GUESS
WELL!
..
IT'S THE GIRL I JUST SAW...
SO SHE'S A FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT.
AAAH.

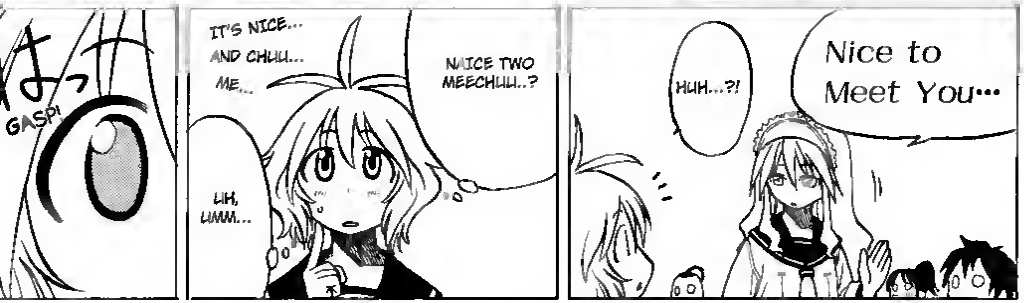
TEACHING BY BAD EXAMPLE





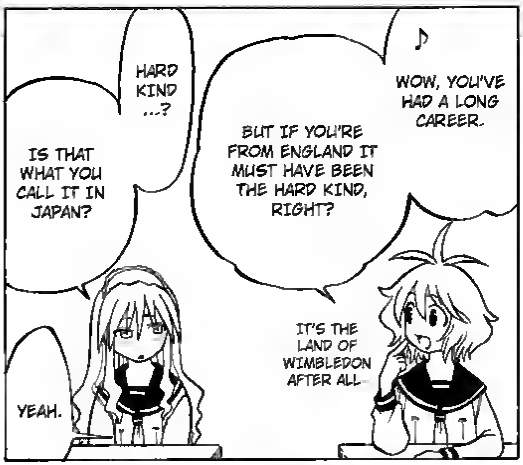


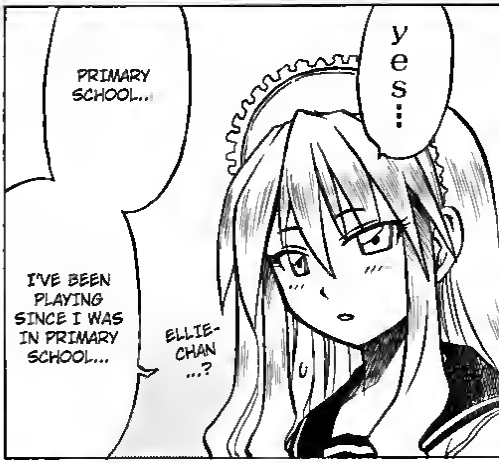

HER FIRST NICE
WELL, WE'LL GO WITH THAT FOR NOW
THE SEAT NEXT TO ME IS EMPTY.
OVER HERE!!
NOW, THEN ELIZABETH-KUN, YOU'LL SIT...

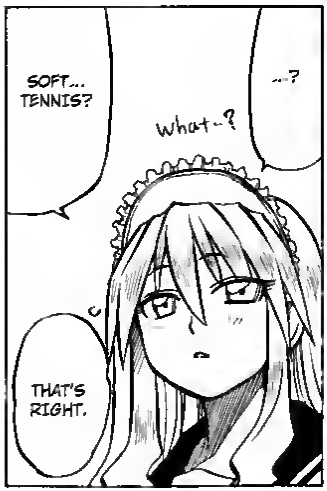

GASP!
IT'S NICE... AND CHUU... ME...
NAICE TWO MEECHUU..?
UH, UMM...
HUH...?!
Nice to Meet You...

MEE... ME CHOO...
MMM...
どき BADUM
どき BADUM
...HAVE A NICE KISS?!
YOUR TONGUE IS NICE TOO...
MMM...
SHE WANTS TO...
IS THAT IT?

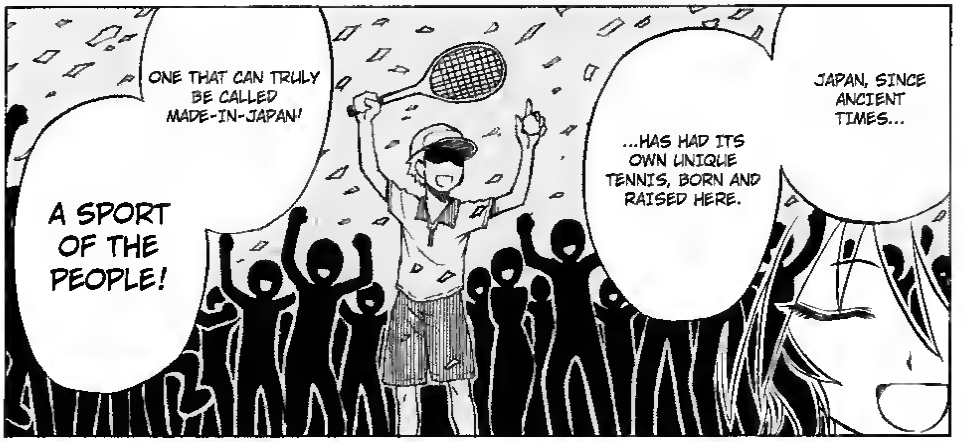
OH, REALLY?!
YOU DO TENNIS TOO, ELLIE-CHAN?!

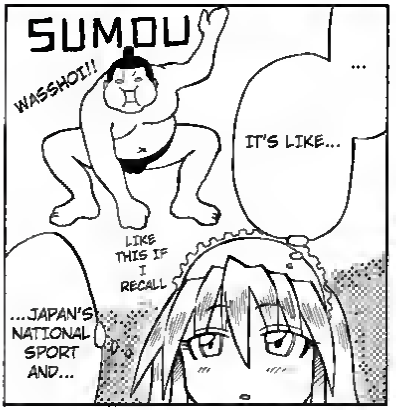

WOW, YOU'VE HAD A LONG CAREER.
BUT IF YOU'RE FROM ENGLAND IT MUST HAVE BEEN THE HARD KIND, RIGHT?
IT'S THE LAND OF WIMBLEDON AFTER ALL
HARD KIND ...?
IS THAT WHAT YOU CALL IT IN JAPAN?
YEAH.


yes...
PRIMARY SCHOOL...
I'VE BEEN PLAYING SINCE I WAS IN PRIMARY SCHOOL...
ELLIE-CHAN ...?

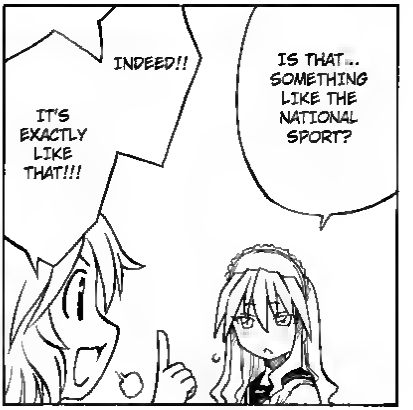

SOFT... TENNIS?
...?
What--?
THAT'S RIGHT.

TA-DAH!
WE HAVE SOFT TENNIS.
AFTER ALL, IN JAPAN WE HAVE ANOTHER TYPE.

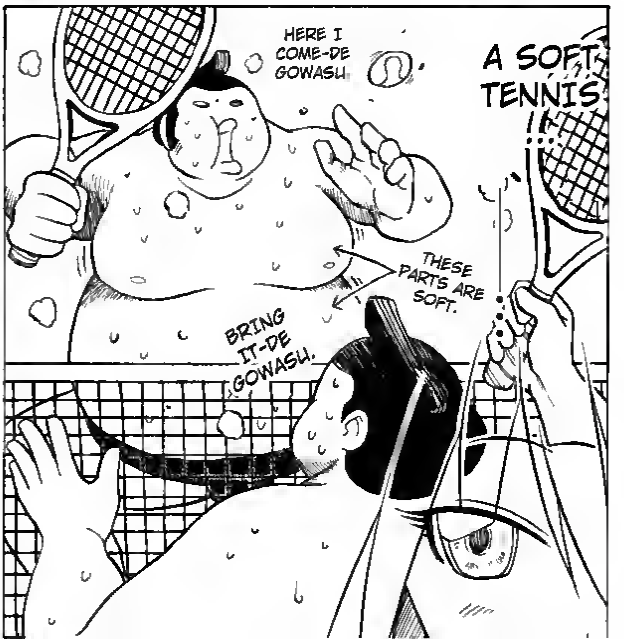

ONE THAT CAN TRULY BE CALLED MADE-IN-JAPAN!
A SPORT OF THE PEOPLE!
JAPAN, SINCE ANCIENT TIMES...
...HAS HAD ITS OWN UNIQUE TENNIS, BORN AND RAISED HERE.


SUMOU
WASSHOI!!
...
IT'S LIKE...
LIKE THIS IF I RECALL
...JAPAN'S NATIONAL SPORT AND...

STOP TELLING HER LIES...!


INDEED!!
IT'S EXACTLY LIKE THAT!!!
IS THAT... SOMETHING LIKE THE NATIONAL SPORT?

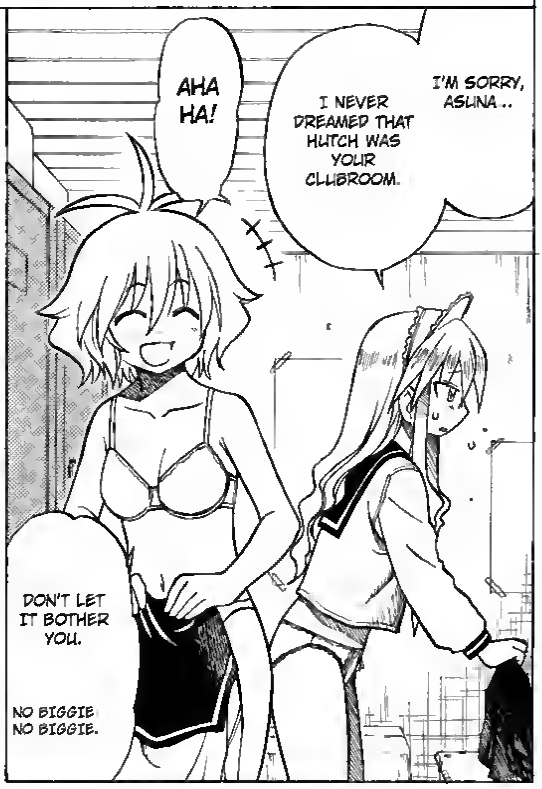
DOESN'T IT?!
IT SOUNDS QUITE EXOTIC...
SO, YOU WANT TO TRY IT AFTER SCHOOL?
yes...

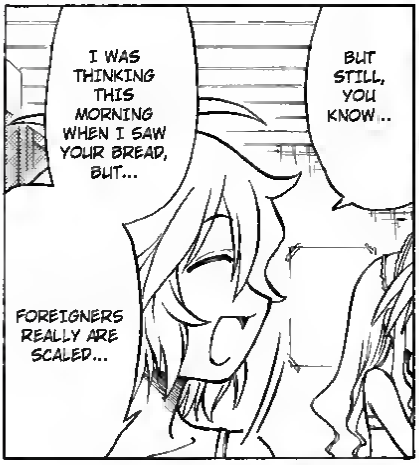

HERE I COME-DE GOWASU.
A SOFT TENNIS...!!
THESE PARTS ARE SOFT.
BRING IT-DE GOWASU.

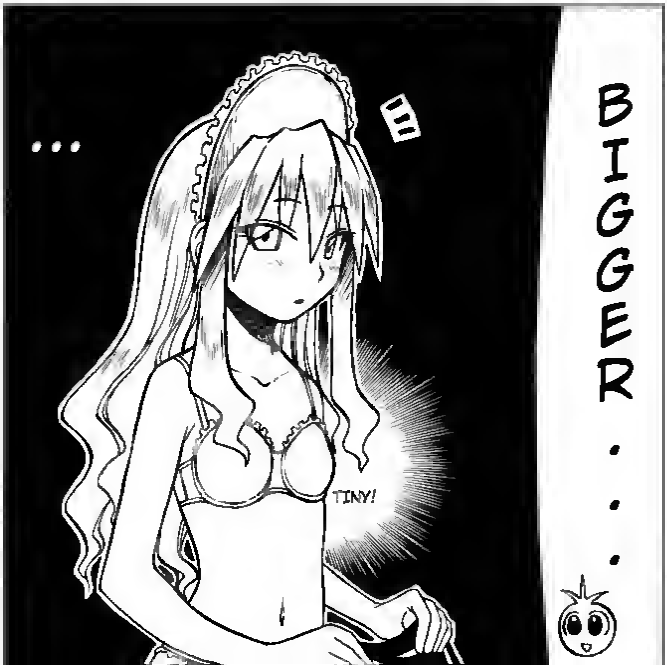
TEARS AFTER SCHOOL

AFTER SCHOOL
YOU SURE LIKE TAKING PICTURES, ELLIE-CHAN.
THE SCENERY HERE IN HOKKAIDO IS ESPECIALLY GOOD.
yes...
TCHAK
AHA HA, THE SCENERY HERE IS THE ONLY THING WE'RE PROUD OF.
ONLY...?
THAT LITTLE RABBIT HUTCH IS ALSO VERY RETRO AND LOVELY.
IT'S AWFUL HARD TO BE PROUD OF THAT...
IT'S CUTE.
TCHAK
TCHAK
NOW I FEEL BAD ABOUT THIS.
LOOK...
THAT'S NOT TRUE...
HUH...?

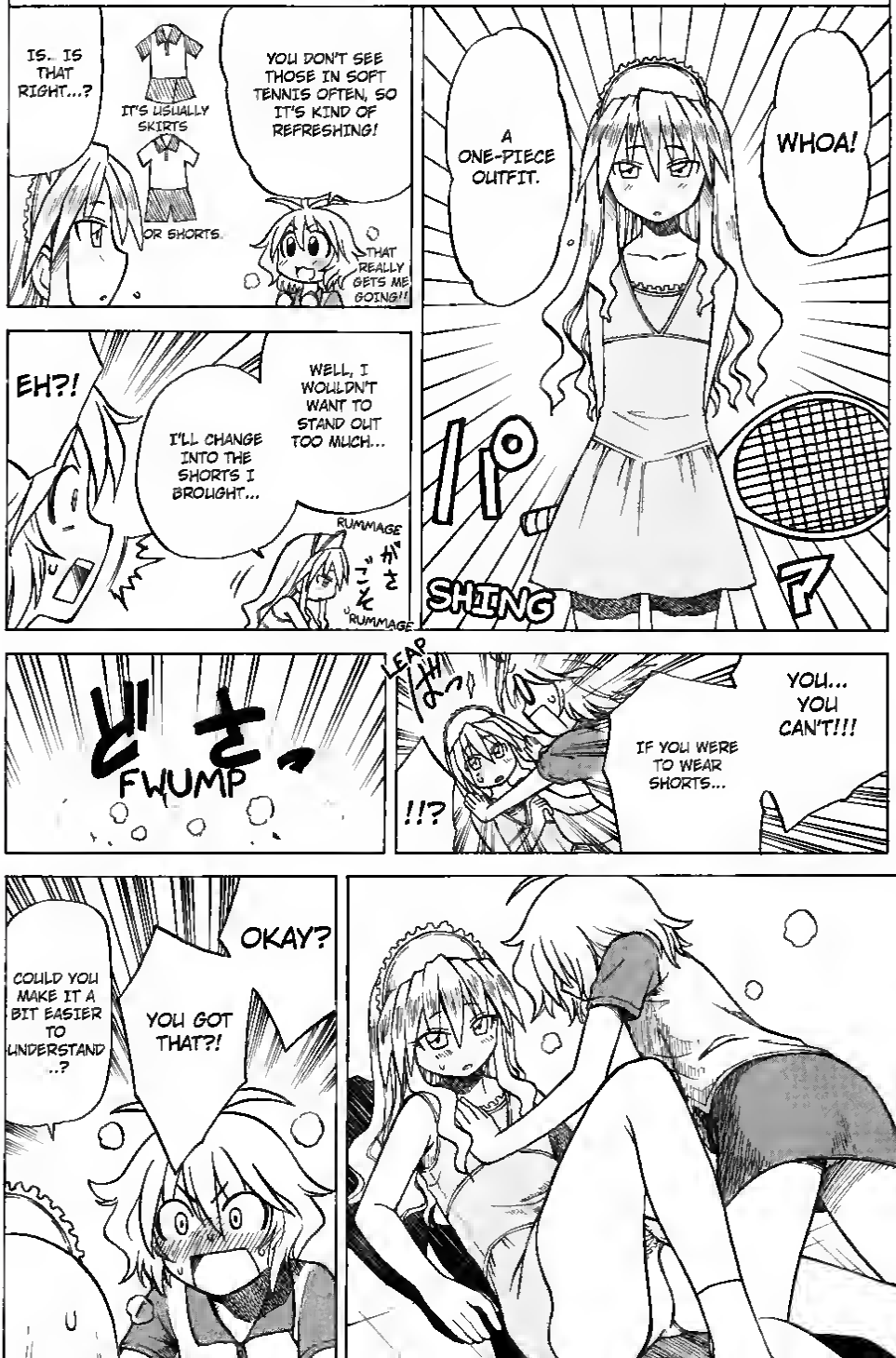
BREAK DOWN PREJUDICES!





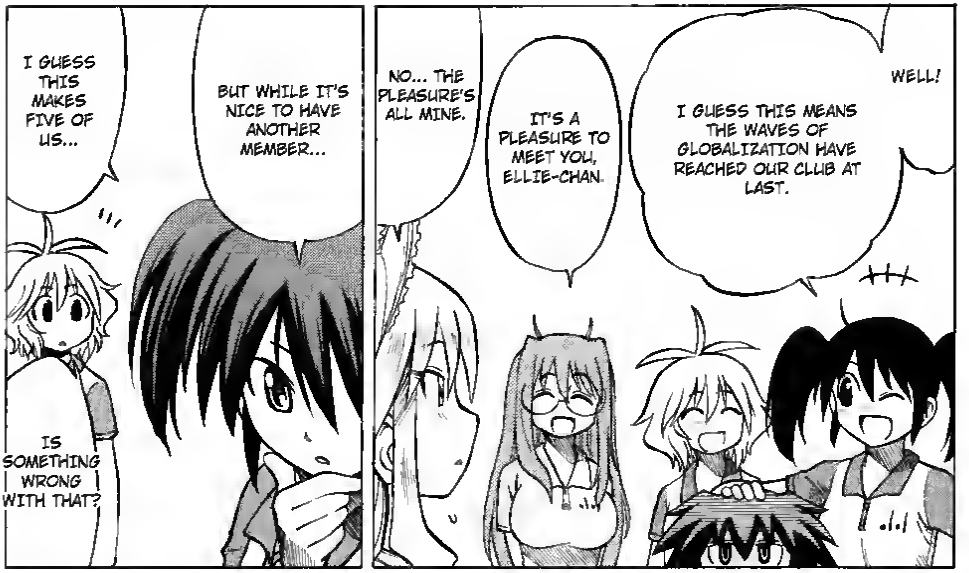


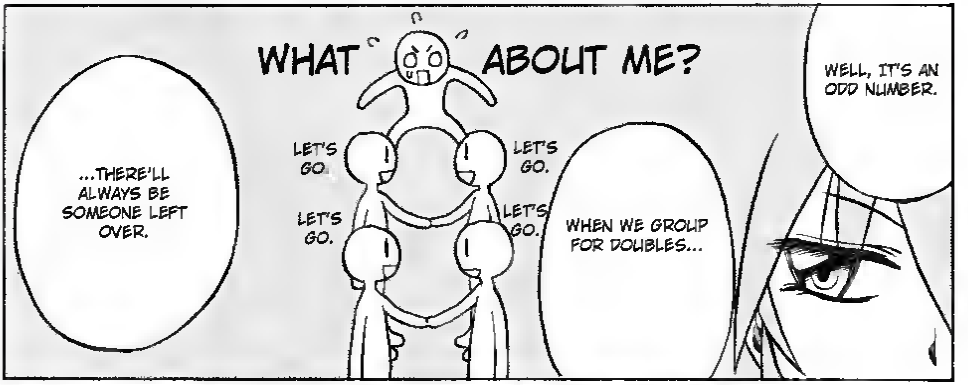
A FIRM OBJECTION



THAT SQUISHY FEELING
I HAVE FELT IT SOMEWHERE BEFORE...
BUT SOMEHOW THIS SQUISHY FEELING...
ぷにSQUISH
HEH HEH!
NICE AND SOFT, RIGHT?
SO THIS IS A SOFT TENNIS BALL...
SQUISH ぷに
yes...
IT'S SQUISHY.
HUH...?
...
WHAT IS IT, ELLIE-CHA--
じっ...
STARE
SQU
ISH
NOT ENOUGH SQUISHINESS!!
WHAT IS THIS?!
A BIT LACKING..
IN SQUISHINESS
SQUISH
HOLD ON...
EL-ELLIE-CHAN, WHAT ARE YOU...?!
ぷに
POKE
HMM...?
WAIT—
WAAAH!

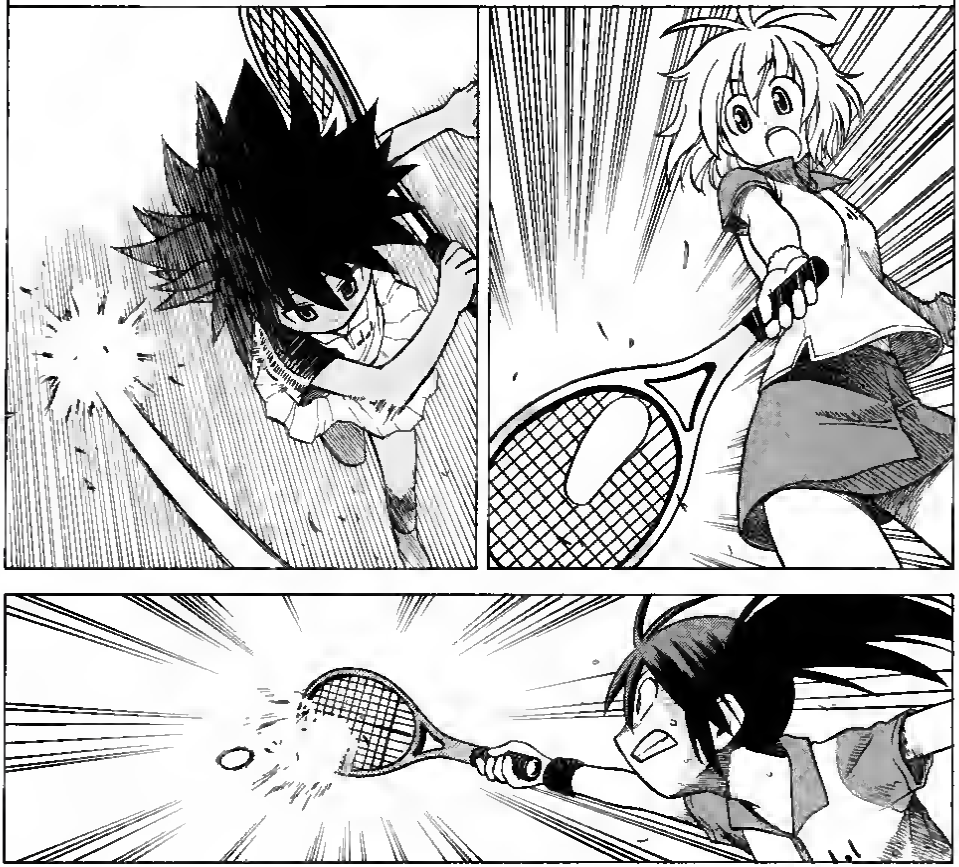
WHAT'S GOING ON THERE?
ASUNA'S BEING HARASSED BY A FOREIGNER.
CROSS-CULTURAL COMMUNICATION, I GUESS?
プニプニプニプニプ
SQUISH SQUISH SQUISH SQUISH
SQUISH SQUISH SQUISH SQUISH
プニプニプニプニプ
HEY.
COME ON STOP IT ALREADY
IT COULD NOT!!!
NOW STOP STARING AND SAVE ME!
AHHH.
THAT COULD BE TRUE.
NO. . I THINK IT'S SOME NEW TYPE OF KINKY SEX PLAY OR SOMETHING...
BLONDE
I WONDER WHAT IT WAS ..?
I SEE.
A FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT, HUH...
I'M ELIZABETH


I GUESS THIS MAKES FIVE OF US...
BUT WHILE IT'S NICE TO HAVE ANOTHER MEMBER...
IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH THAT?
NO... THE PLEASURE'S ALL MINE.
IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, ELLIE-CHAN.
I GUESS THIS MEANS THE WAVES OF GLOBALIZATION HAVE REACHED OUR CLUB AT LAST.
WELL!


WHAT ABOUT ME?
...THERE'LL ALWAYS BE SOMEONE LEFT OVER.
LET'S GO.
LET'S GO.
LET'S GO.
LET'S GO.
WHEN WE GROUP FOR DOUBLES...
WELL, IT'S AN ODD NUMBER.

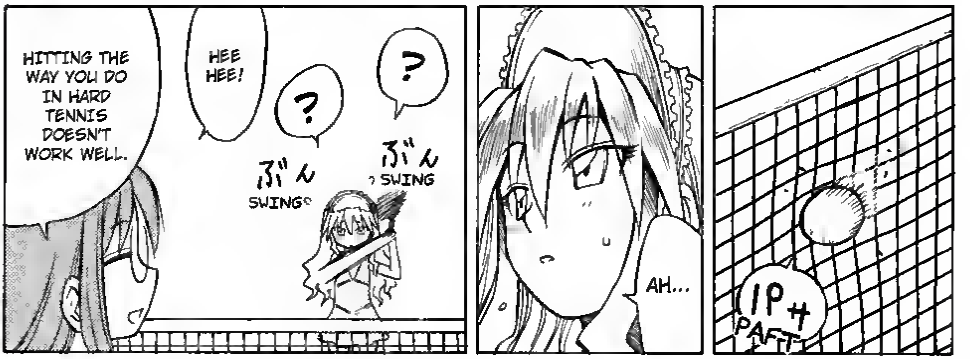
WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME WHEN YOU SAY THAT?
NO HARD FEELINGS, RIGHT?
WELL, IT'S A HARSH WORLD, FULL OF COMPETITION!
THERE'S NO HELPING IT, RIGHT?
?
"KAY?
I SEE...
AH, YEAH...
SO THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT...

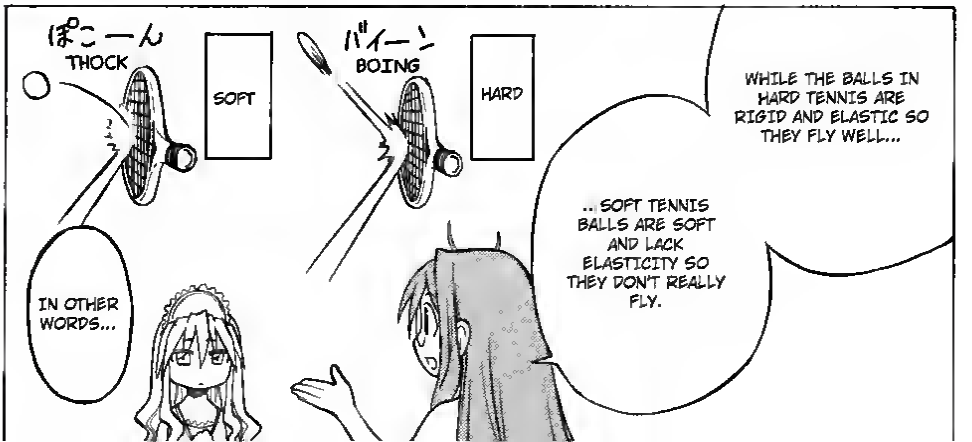
THE PRINCIPLES OF DOUBLES GROW HAZY

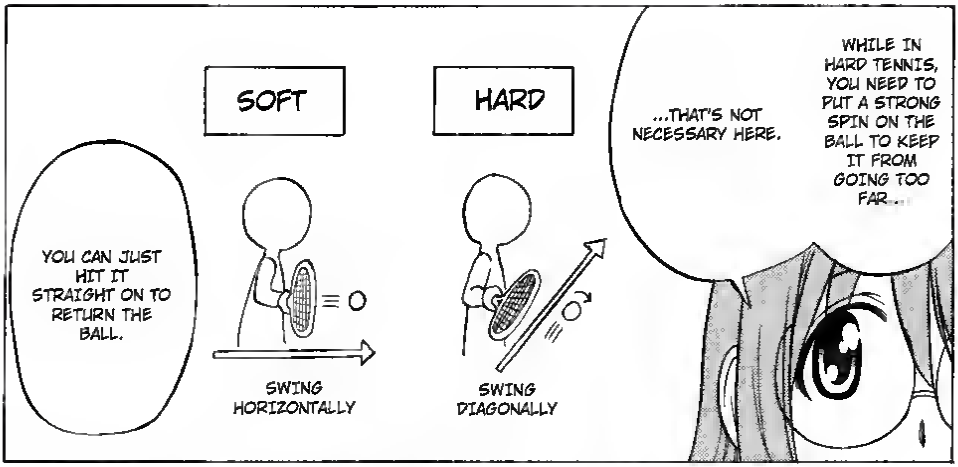

...
I SEE...
DOUBLES IS THE NORM FOR SOFT TENNIS...
BUT STILL...
IS CHITOSE'S ENTIRE LACK OF INVOLVEMENT IN THE RALLY...
...DUE TO SOME SORT OF HANDICAP, I WONDER...?
KU... KURUSU-CHAN, HELP!

A MOMENT OF SUP-ELLIE-ORITY

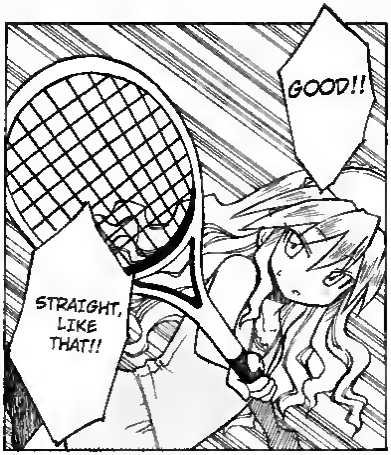
BIFF
?!
LEAVE IT TO ME!!
I... I'M COUNTING ON YOU.
SHALL I TEACH YOU THE BASICS?!
WE-WELL, NOW THAT YOU'VE HAD A CHANCE TO WATCH FOR A BIT...
AS YOUR SENPAI!!

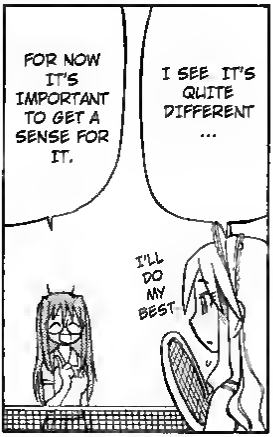


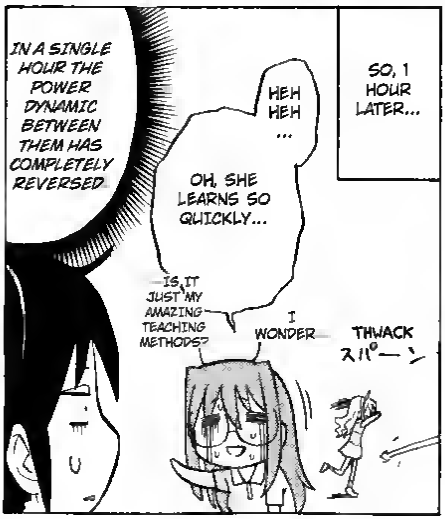

ぽこーん THOCK
SOFT
バイーン BOING
HARD
WHILE THE BALLS IN HARD TENNIS ARE RIGID AND ELASTIC SO THEY FLY WELL...
.. SOFT TENNIS BALLS ARE SOFT AND LACK ELASTICITY SO THEY DON'T REALLY FLY.
IN OTHER WORDS...


SOFT
HARD
YOU CAN JUST HIT IT STRAIGHT ON TO RETURN THE BALL.
SWING HORIZONTALLY
SWING DIAGONALLY
...THAT'S NOT NECESSARY HERE.
WHILE IN HARD TENNIS, YOU NEED TO PUT A STRONG SPIN ON THE BALL TO KEEP IT FROM GOING TOO FAR...

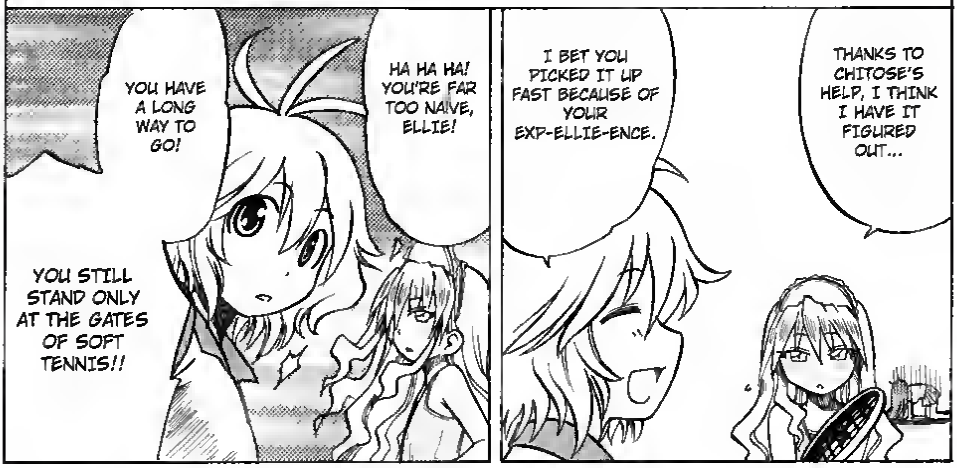
LOWER YOUR CENTER OF GRAVITY.
TRY NOT TO SWING FROM YOUR ARMS!

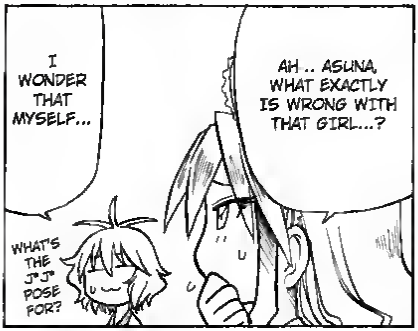

GOOD!!
STRAIGHT, LIKE THAT!!

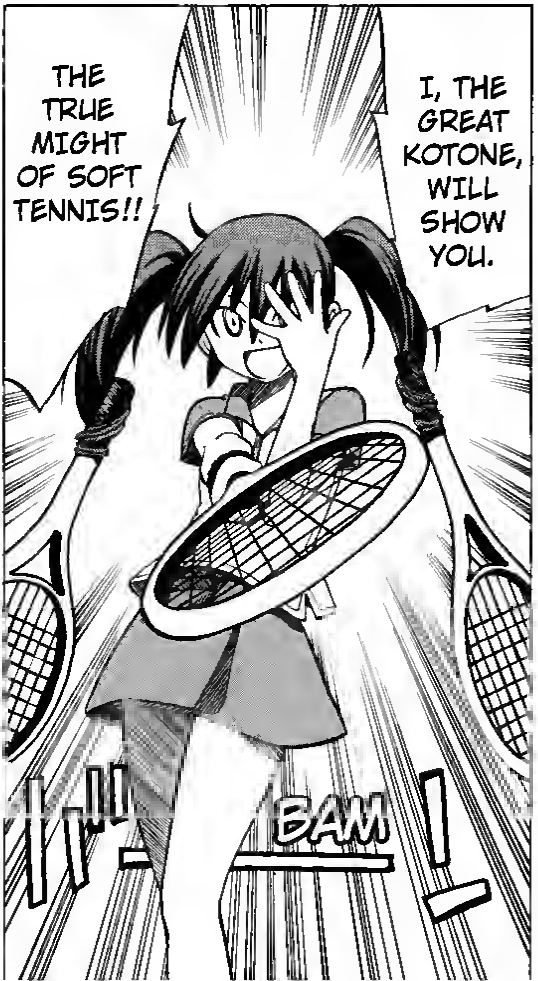

FOR NOW IT'S IMPORTANT TO GET A SENSE FOR IT.
I SEE IT'S QUITE DIFFERENT ...
I'LL DO MY BEST


IN A SINGLE HOUR THE POWER DYNAMIC BETWEEN THEM HAS COMPLETELY REVERSED.
SO, 1 HOUR LATER...
HEH HEH ...
OH, SHE LEARNS SO QUICKLY...
IS IT JUST MY AMAZING TEACHING METHODS?
I WONDER
THWACK
スパーン

SUICIDAL LECTURES


HA HA HA! YOU'RE FAR TOO NAIVE, ELLIE!
YOU HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO!
YOU STILL STAND ONLY AT THE GATES OF SOFT TENNIS!!
I BET YOU PICKED IT UP FAST BECAUSE OF YOUR EXP-ELLIE-ENCE.
THANKS TO CHITOSE'S HELP, I THINK I HAVE IT FIGURED OUT...



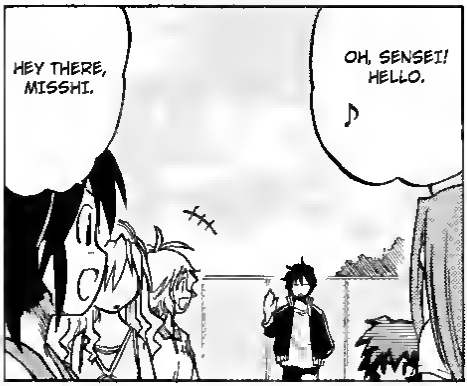


TRIPPLE RACK--!
SHRRRIP
SHUDDER
ズキ!
SHUDDER
ズキ!
...
IT'S NOT AN EASY THING TO THROW SO FAR.
UMM...
THAT WAS INCREDIBLE
SHE'S REALLY TOO KIND.
...
IT'S...
CLATTER

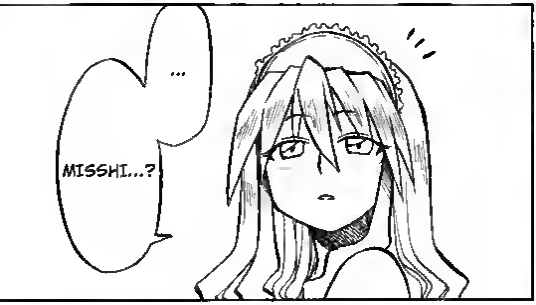
HYPER COMMUNICATION

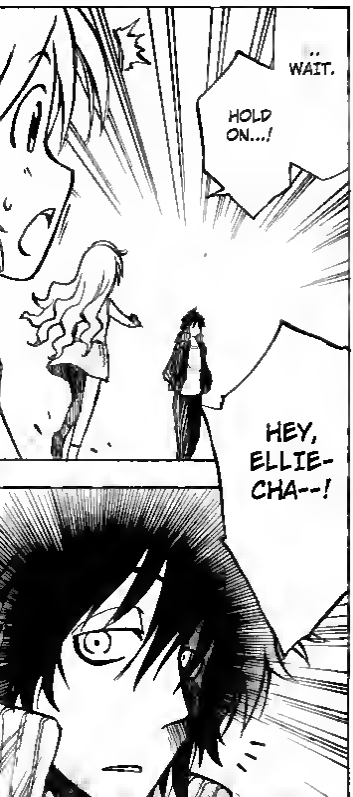
WHOA, KURUSU CAN SPEAK ENGLISH?
SOUNDS LIKE AN ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASS.
HEY, CHECK OUT THAT CRAZINESS.
I WONDER WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT?
.....
...
YOU KNOW, ENGLISH...
SURE IS A DEEP LANGUAGE...

NOT STRANGE
FORE
BACK
RACKET FRONT
RACKET FRONT
TURN YOUR HAND OVER AND HIT.
WELL, UNLIKE HARD TENNIS, A BACKHAND IN SOFT TENNIS...
...USES THE SAME SIDE OF THE RACKET AS A FOREHAND SWING.
WHAT'RE YOU TWO DOING?
HMMM, I'M TEACHING ELLIE-CHAN TO DO A BACKHAND...
BUT HER FORM KEEPS TURNING OUT ALL WEIRD...
LIKE THIS ...?
AH...
SWISH
UMM... SAME SIDE AS THE FOREHAND.
SAME SIDE AS THE FOREHAND.
SAME SIDE ...
THIS IS THE PROPER FORM.
SAME SIDE...!!
BWOOSH
DAMN, THAT'S COOL....
I CAN'T FIND A THING I'D FIX.
HUH?!

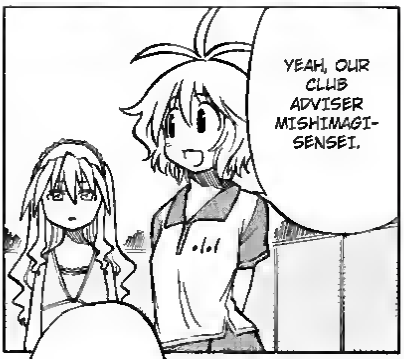

HEY THERE, MISSHI.
OH, SENSEI! HELLO.
♪

HEY, THERE.
EVERYTHING GOING WELL?

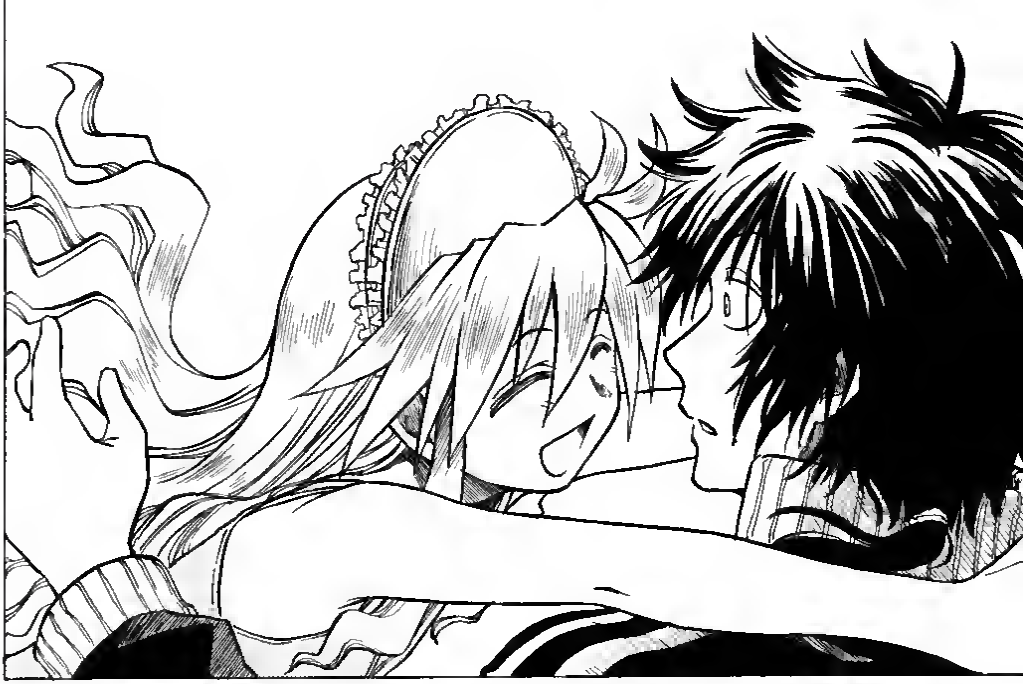

...
MISSHI...?


..
WAIT.
HOLD ON...!
HEY, ELLIE-CHA--!

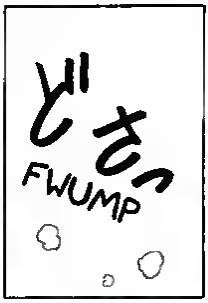
HE MAY LOOK LIKE A SLACKER, BUT HE USED TO BE THE BEST IN...
タッ
TUP

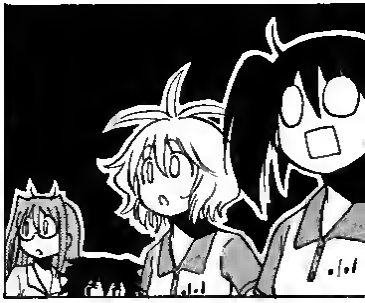

YEAH, OUR CLUB ADVISER MISHIMAGI-SENSEI.

NICKNAME: MISSHI.



WHERE THE HELL'D THAT COME FROM...?
OW OW OW ...


どさっ
FWUMP



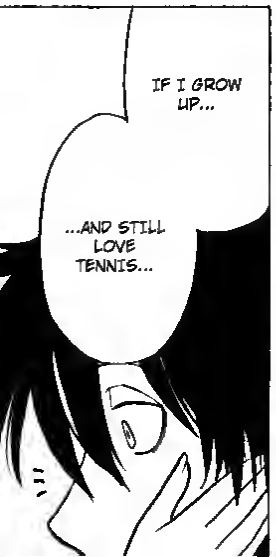
ARE YOU... ELIZABETH?
ARE YOU WARREN'S DAUGHTER, BY ANY CHANCE?
yes...

?!
HUH...?
YOU... YOU'RE...

A LONG TIME AGO FOR AN ALL-JAPAN TRAINING CAMP...
...I GOT TO GO TO ENGLAND.

DO YOU KNOW ELLIE-CHAN?
UH... UMM, SENSEI...
HMM...? YEAH...

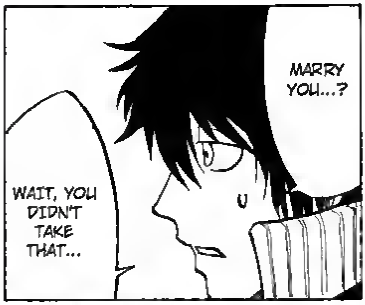
SHE WAS THE DAUGHTER OF THE GUY WHO RAN THE CAMP.
DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT SHE WAS ODDLY ATTACHED TO ME...


IF I GROW UP...
...AND STILL LOVE TENNIS...

A PROMISE?
DID I DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT...?
YOU MADE ME A PROMISE, MISSHI...
Yes...

BUT WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN JAPAN?
OH...
SO THAT'S HOW IT WAS...

!!!
MAR--?!

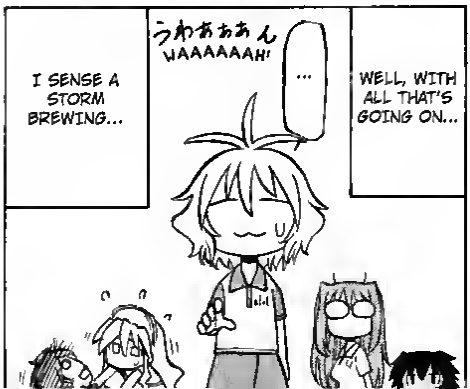

MARRY YOU...?
WAIT, YOU DIDN'T TAKE THAT...

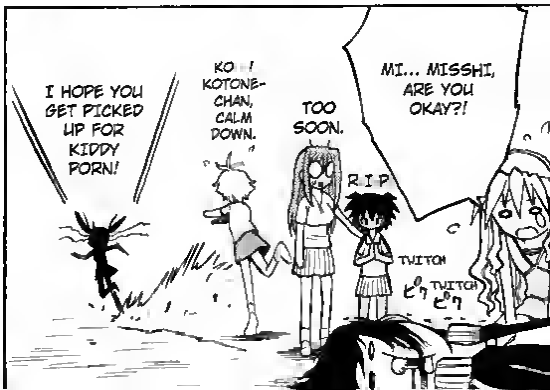
WE'LL GET MARRIED, OR DO WHATEVER YOU WANT... YOU SAID.
CHU♡
WHEN THAT TIME COMES...

ズパ
KER-THWACK
アア
BLARGH!
YOU PONY-TAILED PEDOPHILE!!

...
YOU...

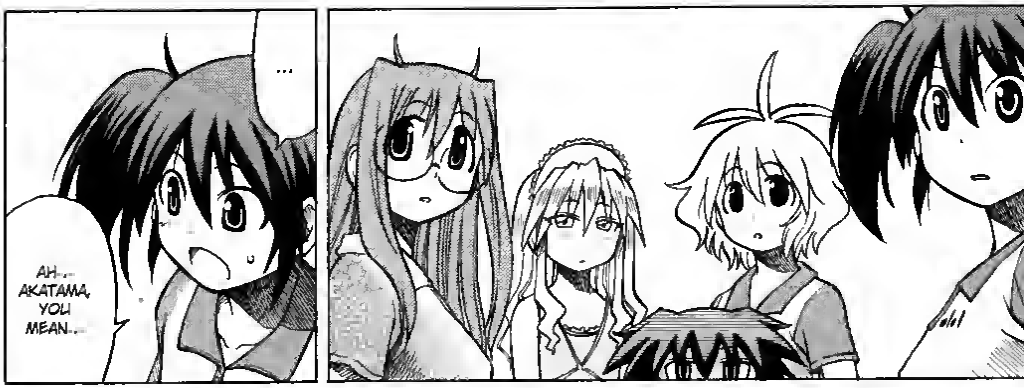
ゴゴゴゴ
RUMBLE
...SERIOUSLY...
ゴゴゴゴ
RUMBL
ゴゴ
はっ
GASP!


I SENSE A STORM BREWING...
うわぁぁん
WAAAAAAH!
...
WELL, WITH ALL THAT'S GOING ON...

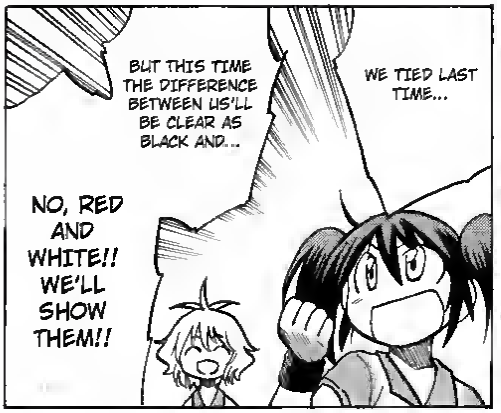

I HOPE YOU GET PICKED UP FOR KIDDY PORN!
KO ! KOTONE-CHAN, CALM DOWN.
TOO SOON.
MI... MISSHI, ARE YOU OKAY?!
R I P
TWITCH
TWITCH
ピク
ピク

第10ゲーム さいらいっ
GAME 10 – SECOND COMING

SO YEAH. WE'RE DOING A PRACTICE MATCH.
AGAINST AKATAMA.

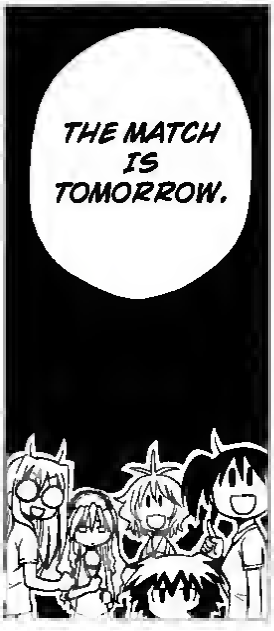

...
AH... AKATAMA, YOU MEAN...

YEAH, WE JUST RECEIVED A REQUEST.
WASN'T ANY REASON TO TURN 'EM DOWN.
I GLADLY ACCEPTED.
AKATAMA MIDDLE SCHOOL?
CHAPTER 7, FOR REFERENCE
THE PLACE WITH SUMINO AND THE REST?
THAT...


BUT THIS TIME THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US'LL BE CLEAR AS BLACK AND...
WE TIED LAST TIME...
NO, RED AND WHITE!! WE'LL SHOW THEM!!

AW...
YEEEEAH!

AKATAMA'S A REGULAR AT THE ALL-HOKKAIDO TOURNAMENT...
THEY'LL BE SUITABLE OPPONENTS TO TEST HOW WE MEASURE UP AGAINST THE REST OF THE COUNTRY!!


THE MATCH IS TOMORROW.

HATE TO BURST THIS ENERGETIC BUBBLE, BUT...
AH...
MURMUR MURMUR
わい わい
TRAINING'S A LITTLE POINTLESS.

ALL RIGHT, THEN!
UNTIL THE MATCH, LET'S TRAIN LIKE OUR LIVES DEPEND ON IT!!
WOOOOO!

INCREASINGLY FARCICAL
SCHEMING
シャリ
SACRIFICE!!!
KER THWACK
キン!
FLASHING
ぴらぴらスコート
TEMPTATION!!
SWAPOK
ズバー!
STYLISH
AIR VOLLEY!!!
MT. FUJI
どすこーい
DOSUKOI!
INNOCENT!!
IF WE CAN ALL JUST LEARN SPECIAL ATTACKS LIKE THOSE...
OUR VICTORY-RATE WILL GO UP A WHOLE 50%!!
LIES...
I REFUSE...
I'D SOONER COMMIT SEPPUKU...
MY ATTACK IS JUST AN ORDINARY WHIFF...

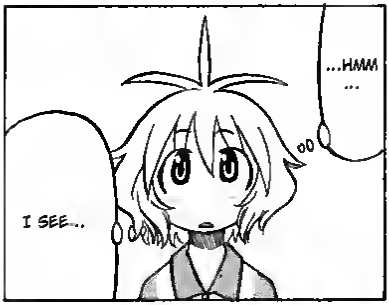
KEEP YOUR EYES ON...
I... I KNOW THAT, BUT...
AT SOME POINT IN THE GAME YOU'RE GOING TO END UP FRONT GUARD, YOU KNOW!
VOLLEYS ARE SCARY WHEN YOU AREN'T USED TO THEM...
GRIPE
GRIPE
COME ON, ASUNA!!
WHAT'RE YOU DODGING FOR?
!!!
SHWOOM
ビリ
SHOCK
WAWAH!
LEAP
...IS TO KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE...
NOW SEE IT'S NOT LIKE THAT
DO YOU NOT WANT TO GET MARRIED?
NOW LISTEN..
THE MOST BASIC OF BASICS WHEN IT COMES TO VOLLEYS...
OKAY, PLEASE DO.
JUST KEEP SHOOTING THEM AT ME
FINE FINE, I'LL SHOW YOU HOW IT'S DONE.
KOTONE-CHAAAAN!!!
BALL.
AH, HEY NOW.
THEN IT'S NO PROBLEM!

EVERYONE'S TRIGGERS...
...WHEN I LOOK AT HER, ALL I SEE IS KOTONE-CHAN.
...
NO MATTER WHAT SHE SAYS...
AH.
HIT IT AT ME LIKE I'M SUMINO!!
OKAY, LET'S IMAGINE THIS IS THE REAL THING.
ERR... RIGHT.
ISN'T THERE SOMETHING THAT WILL GET ME GOING?
A LOOK OVERFLOWING WITH PASSION...!
MOOOO
HMM...
SOME-THING'S NOT QUITE THERE...
I KNOW!! MAYBE IF SHE PUTS ON A MASK SHE'LL LOOK LIKE HER.
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
?
HOT AND BOTHERED!!
I WONDER WHAT THIS MASK LOOKS LIKE?
HOW'S THAT! YOU FIRED UP NOW, ASUNA?
HUFF
HUFF
熱いよぉ
MASK: IT'S SOOOO HOT!

ENGLISH OPERATION

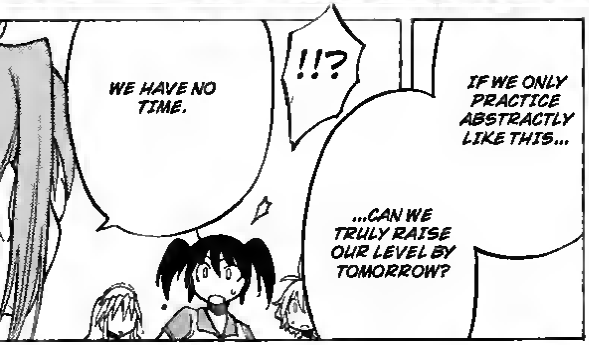
I'M SURE IT'S A SECRET PLAN FOR THE MATCH OR SOME-SUCH.
AS USUAL I CAN'T UNDERSTAND A WORD THEY'RE SAYING THOUGH.
SOMETHING RESEMBLING AN ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASS HAS STARTED AGAIN.
.....
MAYBE WE'LL UNDERSTAND WHEN THE MATCH COMES...
WHAT KIND OF PLAN IS THAT...?
...

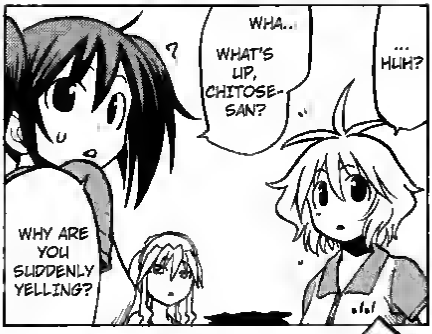
DELUSION STYLE



WELL...
IT'S A STYLE THAT'S NO GOOD FOR ME.
'CAUSE I HAVE NO PATIENCE
KEEP THOROUGHLY TYING THINGS UP AND WAIT FOR THE OPPONENT TO MAKE A MISTAKE.
THAT'S PROBABLY HER STYLE.

...WE'LL NEVER WIN!!!
AT THIS RATE...
BAM!


WE HAVE NO TIME.
!!?
IF WE ONLY PRACTICE ABSTRACTLY LIKE THIS...
...CAN WE TRULY RAISE OUR LEVEL BY TOMORROW?


WHY ARE YOU SUDDENLY YELLING?
?
WHA..
WHAT'S UP, CHITOSE-SAN?
...
HUH?

YOUR RESPONSE IS GENERALLY TOO SLOW.
IF THEY RETURN IT...
THE GAP AFTER YOU SWING IS TOO LARGE.
BSSHT
RATS.
URGH ... BUSTED.
BADUM
どきっ

POINT?
YOUR SPECIAL ATTACK, FOR INSTANCE, KOTONE-CHAN...

AS SUCH!!
WHAT WE MUST DO NOW...
...IS SPECIAL TRAINING, FOCUSED ON A SPECIFIC POINT.

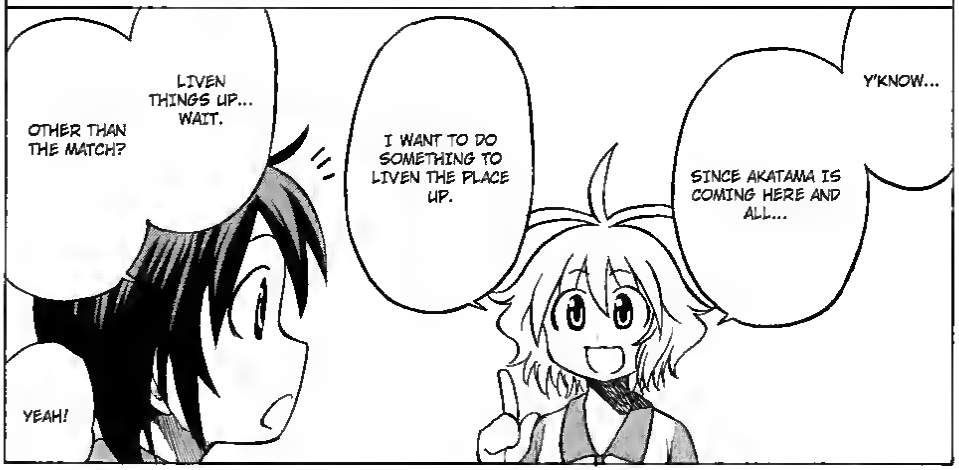
...
I GET IT.
SO THAT'S WHAT YOU MEANT BY FOCUSED ON SPECIFIC POINTS.
BUT...
SIMPLY BY BEING CONSCIOUS OF RETURNING TO THE READY POSITION...
...IT'S POSSIBLE TO FIX THAT FLAW IN A SHORT TIME.
ELLIE-CHAN, YOUR BACKHAND IS STILL UNSTABLE.
PLEASE TRY TO MOVE AROUND TO THE FORE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.
yes...
ASUNA-CHAN, YOU NEED TO ALLOW YOURSELF TO WATCH THE COURT MORE.
YOU TEND TO MISS COURSES THAT ARE STILL OPEN.
RI... RIGHT!
I HAVE NOTHING TO POINT OUT FOR YOU.
PLEASE, FOLLOW YOUR OWN PATH AND DO ALL YOU PLEASE.
WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU.
NOD
AND FINALLY...
KURUSU-CHAN.

SPIRIT OF AN ENLIGHTENED WOMAN

シャラ～ン
SHIMMER
AFTER ALL, YOU KNOW...
DOING YOUR BEST TO STRIVE FOR VICTORY...
...IS A PLAYER'S PRIMARY DUTY.
WAY TO GO, MS. PRESIDENT!!
WOW, YOU'VE REALLY BEEN OBSERVING US CLOSELY, CHITOSE-SAN.
WE REALLY ADMIRE YOU.
IT... IT'S NOTHING SPECIAL REALLY.
WELL, YOU SEE...
SO WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON, CHITOSE?
SO COOL!
AHH.
OH.
CAN'T NARROW IT DOWN TO A SINGLE POINT, I'LL BET...
RI...
RIGHT...
I'M GOING TO BE HOLING MYSELF UP IN THE MOUNTAINS.
...WILL BE STRIVING TO GET INTO BATTLE MODE, IN SPIRIT AT LEAST.
SEEKING TRUTH.
BE CAREFUL.
HIDING IN THE MOUNTAINS...
I LIKE TO THINK I UNDERSTAND MY POINTS THAT REQUIRE IMPROVEMENT.
SO, I...

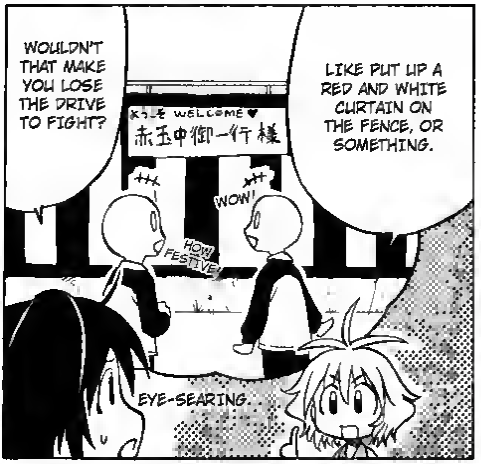
BROADEN YOUR FIELD OF VISION
I NEED TO STOP FOCUSING ON THE BALL SO MUCH...
...AND LOOK AT THE COURT AS A WHOLE.
HMPH
I SEE NOW.
ASUNA-CHAN, YOU NEED TO ALLOW YOURSELF TO WATCH THE COURT MORE.
!!!
EEK!
THA... THAT'S ...!
AS A WHOLE...
ASUNA!!
LOOK AT THE BALL!! THE BALL!!
A YOUNG GIRL'S WISH TO BE AN ADULT SHOWS UP IN PLACES LIKE THAT WHICH CAN'T BE SEEN
KACHANG
HUFF
HUFF
POK
SEE-THROUGH!!!
BLACK AND...

THE MAIN DISH HAS TO BE FLASHY


LIVEN THINGS UP... WAIT.
OTHER THAN THE MATCH?
YEAH!
I WANT TO DO SOMETHING TO LIVEN THE PLACE UP.
Y'KNOW...
SINCE AKATAMA IS COMING HERE AND ALL...

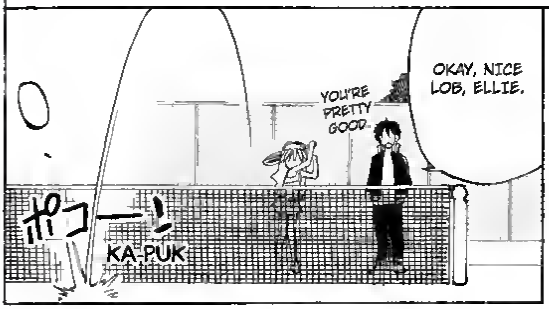
LOOK, WE AREN'T RUNNING A SHOPPING-DISTRICT LOTTERY HERE. .
I DID IT!
WOW!
CONGRATULATIONS
OR WE COULD GIVE THE PERSON WHO PICKS A RED BALL OUT OF THE WHITE BALLS A TRIP TO HAWAII.
WHO'S GONNA PAY FOR THAT?..

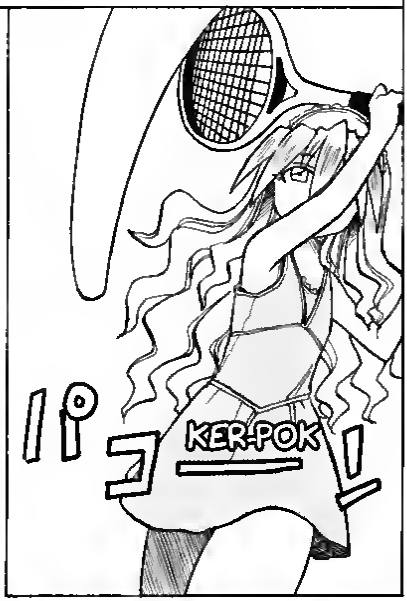
SIGNS: RED TEAM WHITE TEAM

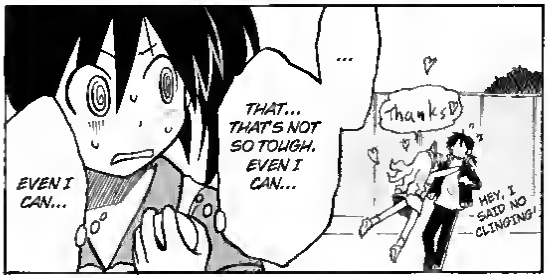

WOULDN'T THAT MAKE YOU LOSE THE DRIVE TO FIGHT?
LIKE PUT UP A RED AND WHITE CURTAIN ON THE FENCE, OR SOMETHING.
WELCOME
赤玉中御一行様
WOW!
HOW FESTIVE
EYE-SEARING..

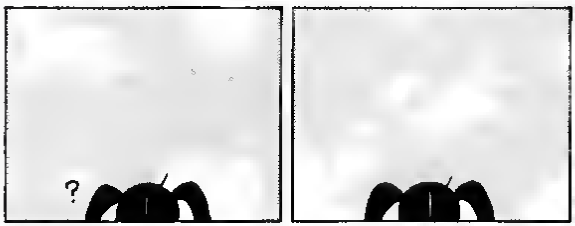
SIGN. WELCOME AKATAMA MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM

KOTONE CHALLENGE 1

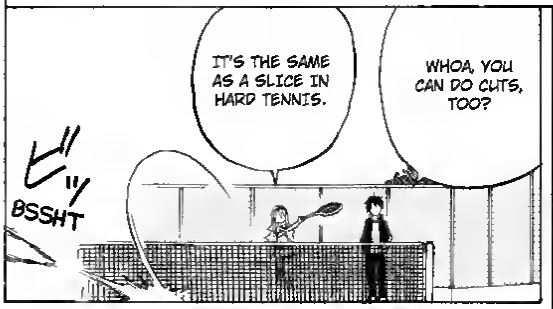


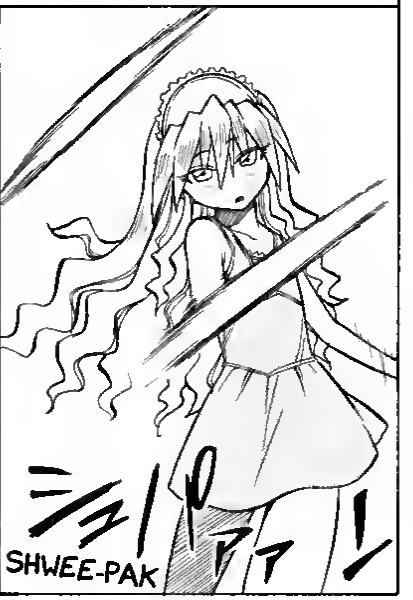


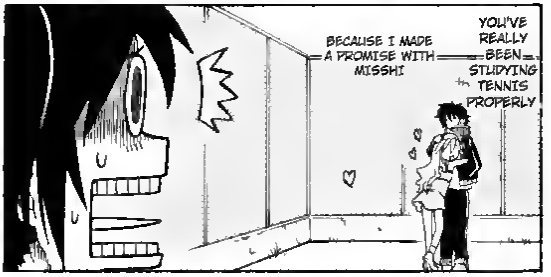


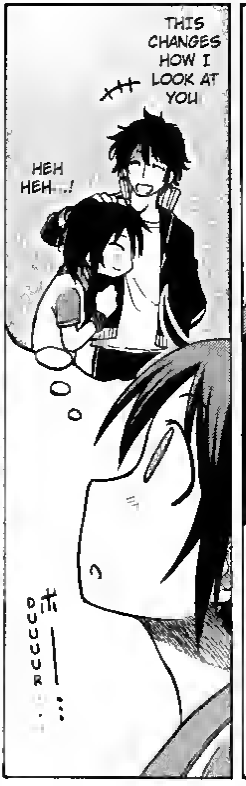


KOTONE CHALLENGE 2



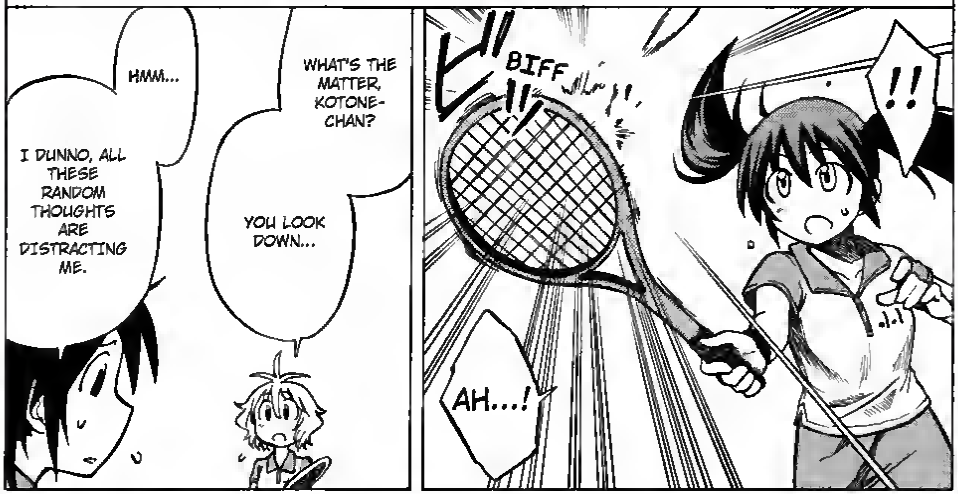


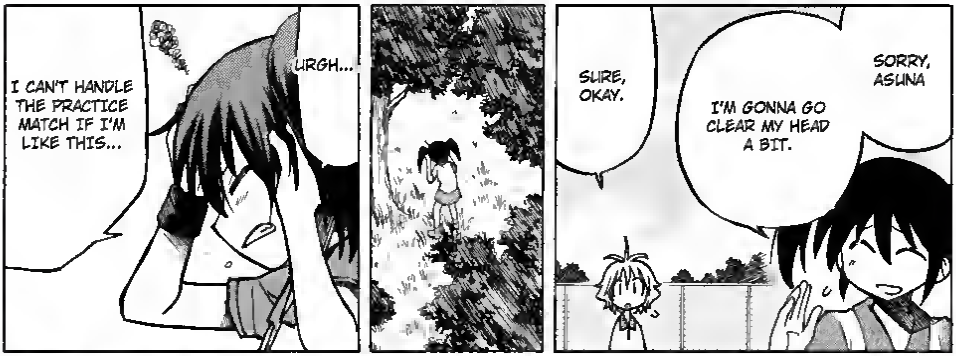


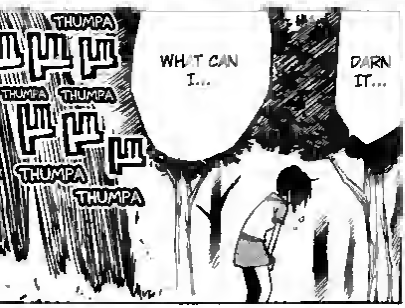


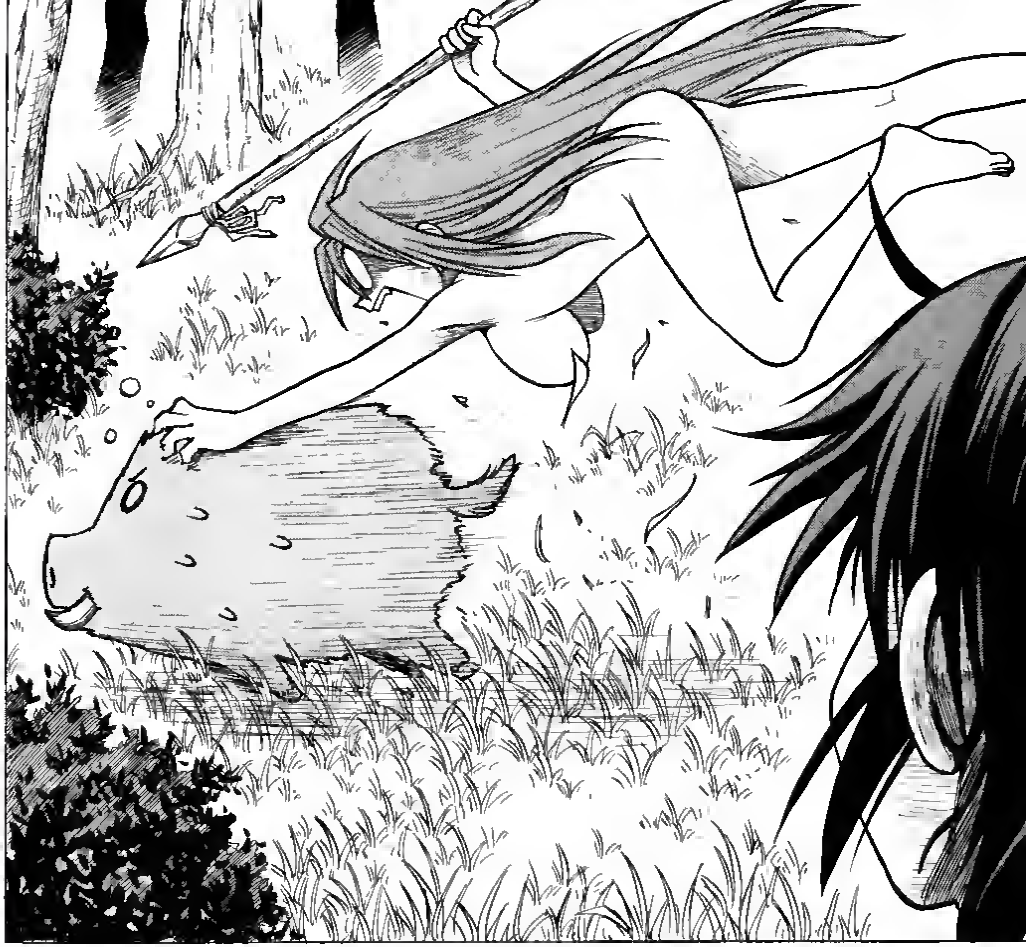
ZWOOSH
GWAH!
DUCK
ぼっ
!!!
--POK
CH-...

THINKING TOO MUCH, AND THE HERO OF THE FOREST







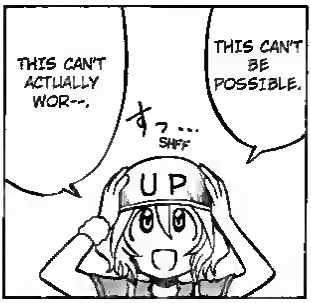


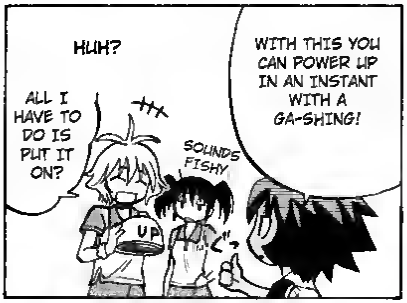
NGH...
I WAS JUST THINKING HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR PEOPLE TO HAVE SOMETHING TO ASPIRE TO.
HEY, WELCOME BACK, KOTONE-CHAN.
MANAGE TO CLEAR YOUR HEAD?

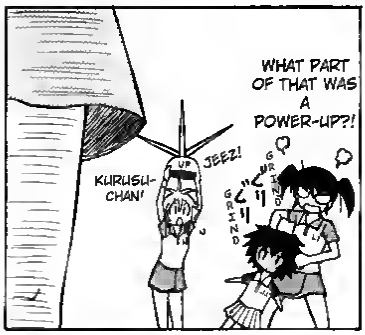
GIVE UP!!
THUMP
THUMPA
THUMPA

EASY LEVEL-UPS

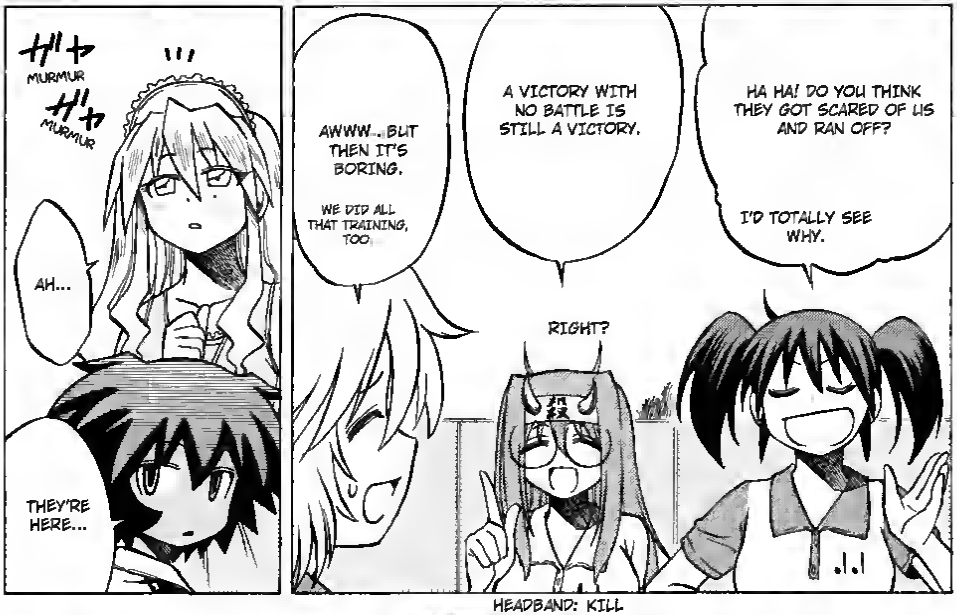
HA HA!
YEAH, WOULDN'T IT BE NICE TO HAVE SOMETHING SO WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO WORK SO HARD.
SOME WAY FOR US TO LEVEL UP ALL AT ONCE.
STILL THERE'S GOTTA BE SOMETHING...
IT AIN'T THAT EASY.
LIKE GA-SHING!







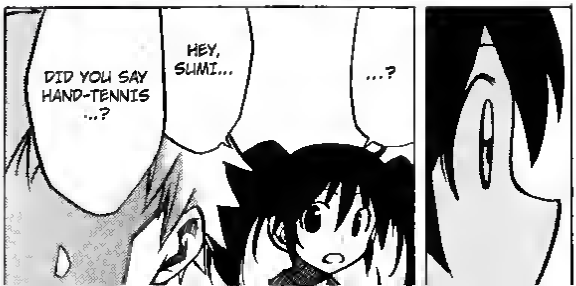
NIGHT BEFORE THE BATTLE
...
TOMORROW ... IS IT...?
REST WELL TO BE READY FOR TOMORROW.
ALL RIGHT, LET'S BREAK EARLY TODAY.
YESSIR!
WELL ...
WORRYING WON'T DO ANY GOOD.
BESIDES...
...
WILL THESE GIRLS...
...COLLIDE WITH THE WALL OF REALITY?
OR WILL THEY...
I'M BACK. ♪
WELL, WILD BOAR IS BETTER THAN I...
... WAIT.
HUH?!
WHERE'D EVERYONE GO?!
ガラ――!
THESE GIRLS...
...ARE TOUGHER THAN THAT.


MURMUR
MURMUR
AH...
THEY'RE HERE...
AWWW...BUT THEN IT'S BORING.
WE DID ALL THAT TRAINING, TOO.
A VICTORY WITH NO BATTLE IS STILL A VICTORY.
RIGHT?
HA HA! DO YOU THINK THEY GOT SCARED OF US AND RAN OFF?
I'D TOTALLY SEE WHY.

HEADBAND: KILL

HEADBAND: KILL

FLAG: INVINCIBLE



...
U
...UM?
DO YOU, YOU PUNK?
YOU THINK THIS IS ALL FUN AND GAMES, LIKE IT WAS BEFORE?
PATHETIC.

...IS GONNA BE A PIECE OF CAKE.
LOOKS LIKE TODAY'S MATCH...

SKUFF
SKUFF
EVERY MATCH IS TAKEN WITH UTMOST SERIOUSNESS
THIS MAY BE AN ORDINARY PRACTICE MATCH FOR YOU...
...BUT FOR AKATAMA ...
SKUFF

GIRLS OF SHIRATAMA.
!?
STEP

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
THE NAME OF THE INVINCIBLE AKATAMA MIDDLE SCHOOL...
...IS NOT TO BE UNDERESTIMATED.
HEADBAND. KILL
...

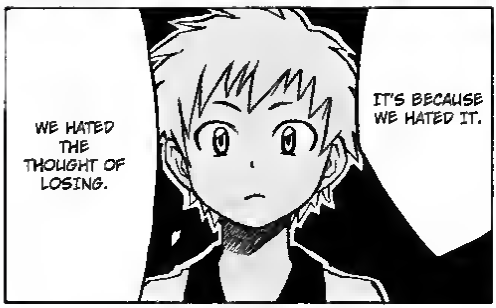
WOOOO!
FIGHT FOR IT, SERIHA-SENPAI.
SUMINOOOO! TAKE A GOOD SHOT AT THEM!
WOOOO!
...
LOOKS LIKE THEIR FIRST TEAM IS SUMINO AND SERIHA
OURS IS...
WE'RE GOING, OF COURSE.

第11ゲーム つーぺあっ

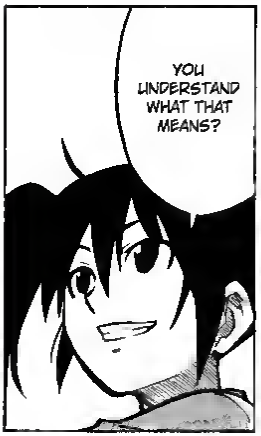
GAME 11 - TWO PAIR

HEY, KOTONE.
YOU DO UNDERSTAND, RIGHT?
THE REASON WHY I ACCEPTED THIS PRACTICE MATCH.
IT'S COME, HASN'T IT?
OUR TIME HAS COME.
OF COURSE.
I'M IMPRESSED THAT YOU DIDN'T RUN AWAY.
?
FIGHT!
HANG IN THERE!

...
HEH...!
...IS ALREADY PAINFULLY OBVIOUS
ESPECIALLY SINCE THE OUTCOME...

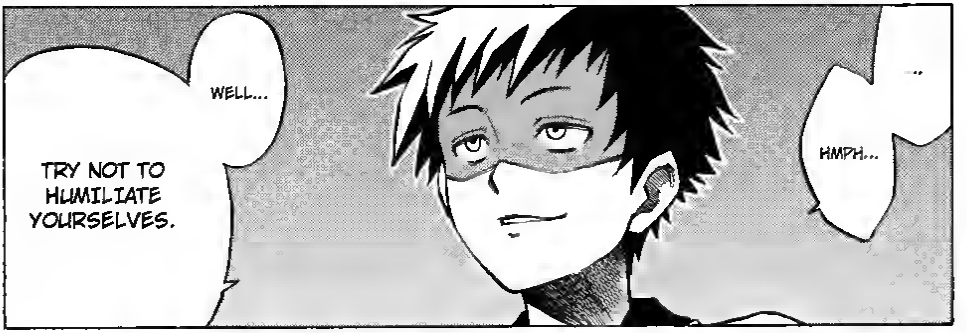

WE HATED THE THOUGHT OF LOSING.
IT'S BECAUSE WE HATED IT.

IT'S THE REASON WHY WE'VE NEVER PLAYED A GAME AGAINST ANOTHER SCHOOL UNTIL NOW.
YOU WANNA KNOW SOMETHING?


YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT MEANS?

WE WANTED HIM TO ARRANGE A MATCH FOR US.
WE ASKED HIM NOT TO PUT US INTO ANY TOURNAMENTS UNTIL HE JUDGED WE HAD THE SKILL TO WIN. BUT WHEN THAT TIME CAME.
SO A WHILE BACK, WE TALKED TO OUR COACH.

WE'VE BEEN "JUDGED" BY A NATIONAL CHAMP.
YOU'D BETTER GET READY FOR THIS!!

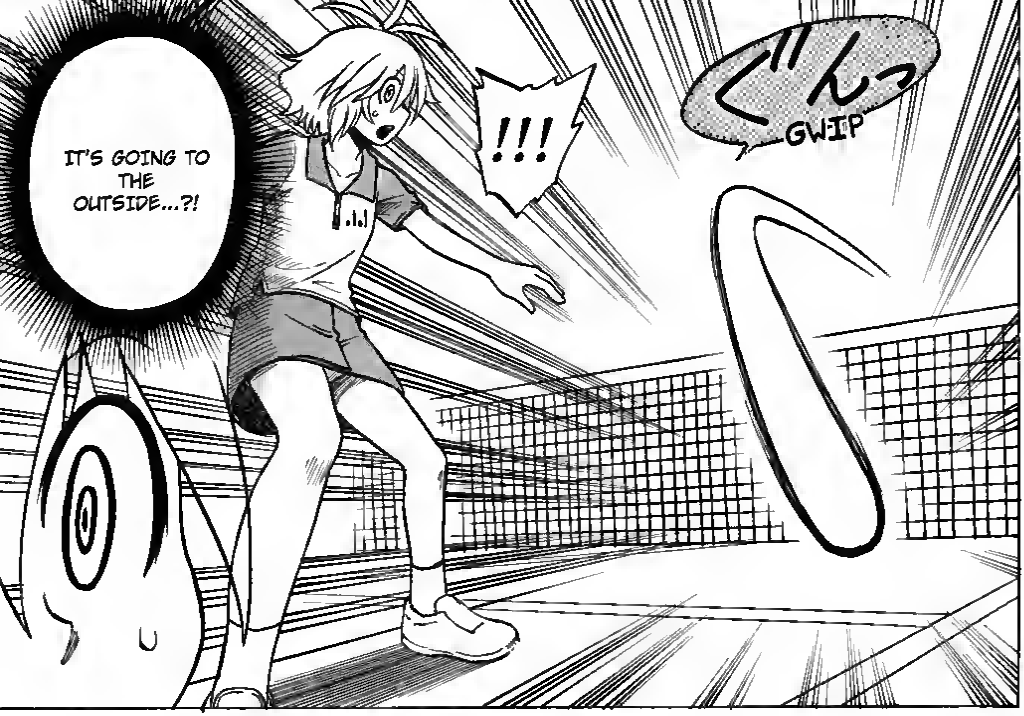

WELL...
TRY NOT TO HUMILIATE YOURSELVES.
...
HMPH...

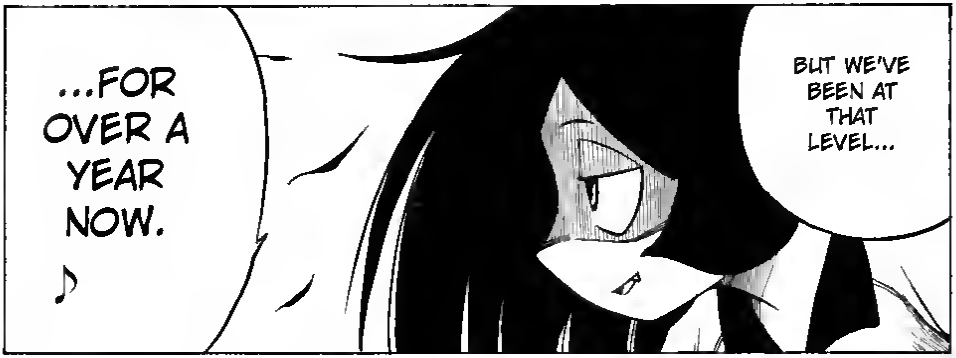
...OOO...I'VE HEARD OF THIS.
THIS IS THE FIRST ...
DOO
OOM
SO THAT'S WHAT IT WAS...?

WHEN WE HAVE THE SKILL TO WIN A TOURNAMENT...
HEH HEH ...

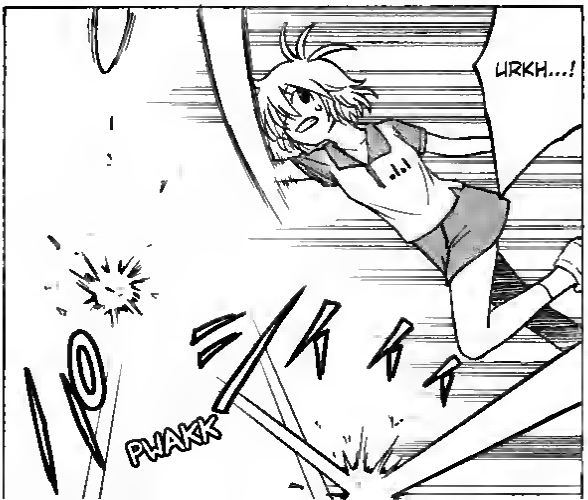
ZWISH
...

THE BATTLE BEGINS
PLAY BALL!!
FIVE GAME MATCH...
SERVICE SIDE: AMAMIYA-KIBA PAIR.
RECEIVING SIDE: HARUKAZE-SAWANATSU PAIR.
SERVING FIRST.
WOOOOOOOO!
SERIHA ...
...PRETTY PERFECT, TO ME!!
KA-POK
SHWIP
HEH HEH...
THE SKILL TO WIN A TOURNAMENT, IS IT?
THAT SOUNDS ...
...
IT'S FOLLOWING AN EASY COURSE AND IT'S NOT THAT FAST...
IN THAT CASE...
FWIP


IT'S GOING TO THE OUTSIDE...?!
!!!
ぐんっ
GWIP

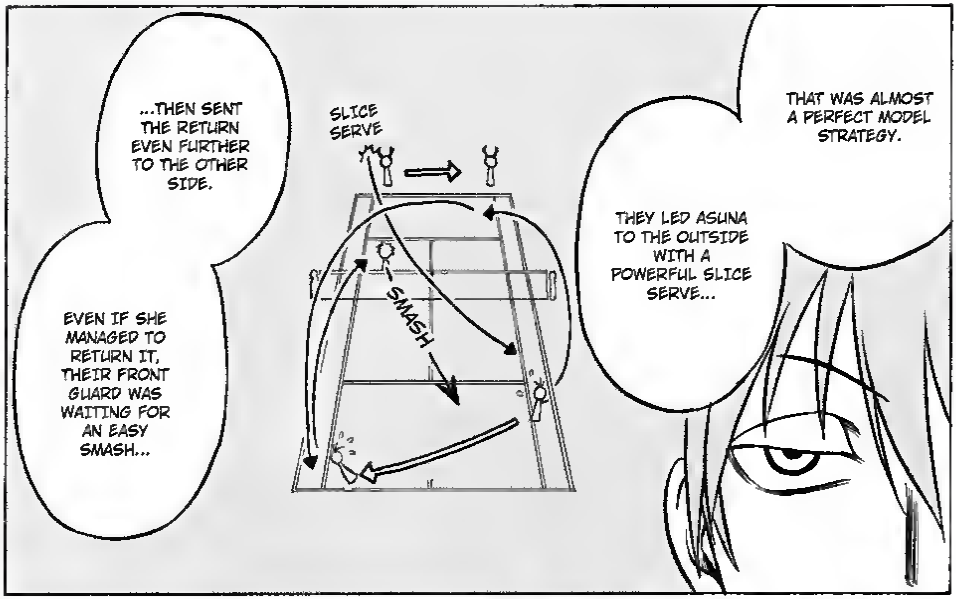

BUT WE'VE BEEN AT THAT LEVEL...
...FOR OVER A YEAR NOW.
♪

NICE RECEIVE
SWSSH
YOUR REACTION TIME IS QUITE GOOD.
POK


URKH...!
PWAKK

ALL RIGHT.
NEXT COMES...
THIS .. THIS TIME...
IT'S SUDDENLY GOING TO THE OPPOSITE SIDE...?!
!!!
POW
!!!
I CAN JUST BARELY REACH IT...
SURE, IT'S FOLLOWING A DIFFICULT COURSE, BUT...
IF THAT'S ALL...
BIFF
THIS IS NOTHING ...
DASH

ZWABAM
HOW NAIVE.
YOU NEED TO DO MORE THAN JUST CATCH UP TO IT.
SHUDDER
ゴゴゴ…
SHUDDER
YES, ALMOST LIKE...
...TWISTING A DRAGONFLY'S HEAD OFF..
DON'T USE EXAMPLES LIKE THAT!
IT MAKES THE IMAGE APPEAR IN MY HEAD...
SOMEHOW IT SEEMS THEY TOOK THAT POINT SURPRISINGLY EASILY...
WOOOOO!
...
SO...


THAT WAS ALMOST A PERFECT MODEL STRATEGY.
THEY LED ASUNA TO THE OUTSIDE WITH A POWERFUL SLICE SERVE...
SLICE SERVE
SMASH
...THEN SENT THE RETURN EVEN FURTHER TO THE OTHER SIDE.
EVEN IF SHE MANAGED TO RETURN IT, THEIR FRONT GUARD WAITING FOR AN EASY SMASH...

WE'RE GOING TO KEEP THEM COMING.
♪
TA-WHACK!
1-0
WOOO!
TA-DAH!
I GUESS THE STRENGTH OF AN ALL-HOKKAIDO TEAM...
...ISN'T JUST FOR SHOW.
HEH!
IF THEY WANT TO COME AT US WITH STRATEGY...

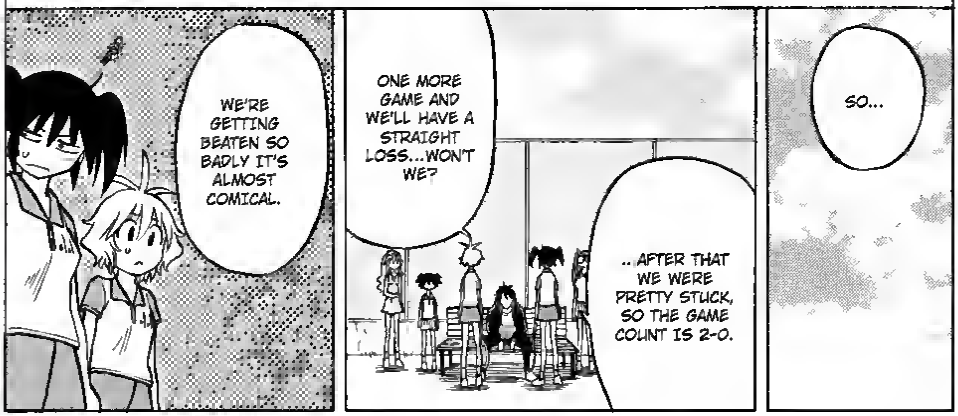
WE'LL FIGHT BACK...
...WITH POWER!!!
SHWA-
BOOM

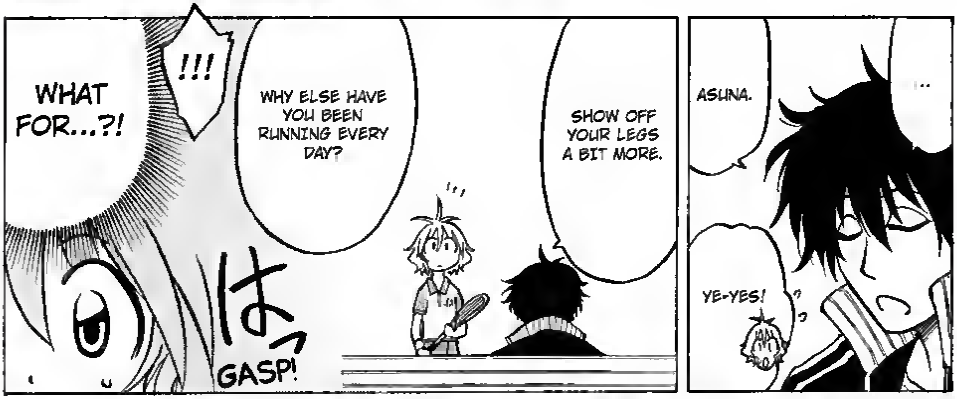
THWAK
IT'S NOT A BAD PLAN.
JUST...
YOU'LL TRY TO CRUSH OUR TECHNIQUE WITH BRUTE FORCE THEN?

GROOOAAH
...
I SEE...

POK
DON'T YOU FIND IT...
...A BIT LACKING IN CLASS?
HEY
I DON'T KNOW IF YOUR COACH WAS THE NATIONAL CHAMP OR WHATEVER.
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE HIS "JUDGMENT" WAS OFF, DOESN'T IT?
YOU NEED ANOTHER TWO YEARS...
...BEFORE YOU'RE READY TO FACE US.
!!!
...

RECONFIRMING

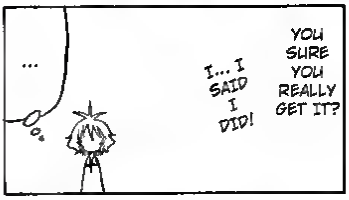

WE'RE GETTING BEATEN SO BADLY IT'S ALMOST COMICAL.
ONE MORE GAME AND WE'LL HAVE A STRAIGHT LOSS...WON'T WE?
.. AFTER THAT WE WERE PRETTY STUCK, SO THE GAME COUNT IS 2-0.
SO...



GOOD, RUN WITH THAT SPIRIT.
I'LL MAKE THE CROWD FALL HEAD OVER HEELS FOR ME.
COMPLETELY!!
I'M DOING THIS TO BECOME A FEMALE PANTHER, BODY AND SOUL...
HEH HEH! TELL ME HOW YOU WANT IT.
THAT'S RIGHT.

Don't think…
!!!
I… I'M NOT REALLY…
YOU KEEP TRYING PLAYS THAT AREN'T LIKE YOU AT ALL.
WHAT ARE YOU GETTING ALL WORKED-UP ABOUT?
KOTONE.
SO…
YOU'RE THE BIGGEST PROBLEM HERE.
!?
YOU KNOW …
THE REASON I ACCEPTED THIS MATCH WITH AKATAMA…
…WAS BECAUSE I BELIEVED YOU WERE PLENTY CAPABLE OF TAKING THEM ON.
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE HIS "JUDGMENT" WAS OFF, DOESN'T IT?
WORKED UP…
…IS YOUR "INSTINCT."
YOUR STYLE…
APPARENTLY
IS THAT TRUE?
BUT THAT WAS UNDER THE ASSUMPTION …
…THAT YOU GIRLS WOULD BRING YOUR OWN INDIVIDUAL STYLES TO BEAR.
KOTONE …

DON'T THINK WITH YOUR HEAD.
PLAY BY INSTINCT.
IF YOU DO THAT...
...YOU'RE COMPLETELY INVINCIBLE.

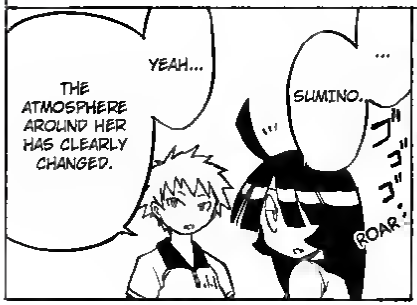

...
I... I SAID I DID!
YOU SURE YOU REALLY GET IT?

WHAT ARE YOU GETTING ALL SERIOUS ABOUT?
I ALREADY KNEW THAT!!
TURN

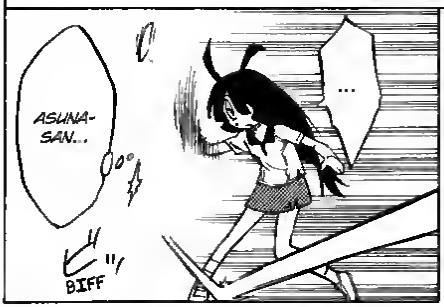
...THIS KIND OF OVER-THE-TOP YOUTH DRAMA.
I JUST CAN'T RESIST ...
IT'S GREAT...

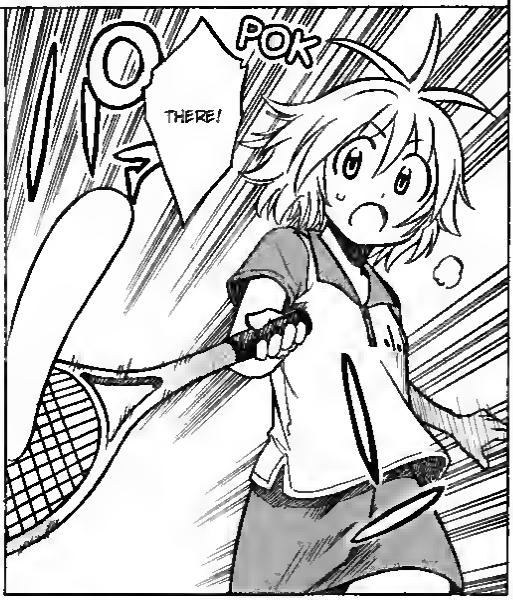
...
I...

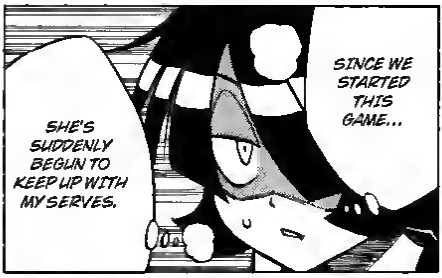
AURA BATTLER

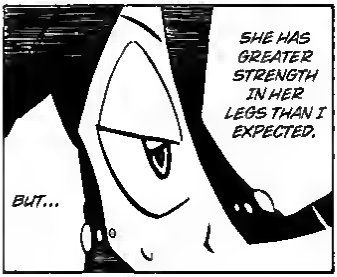


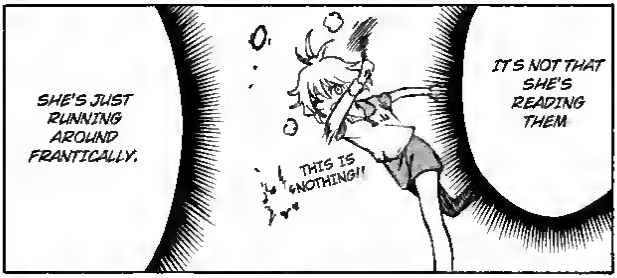
COUNTERATTACK

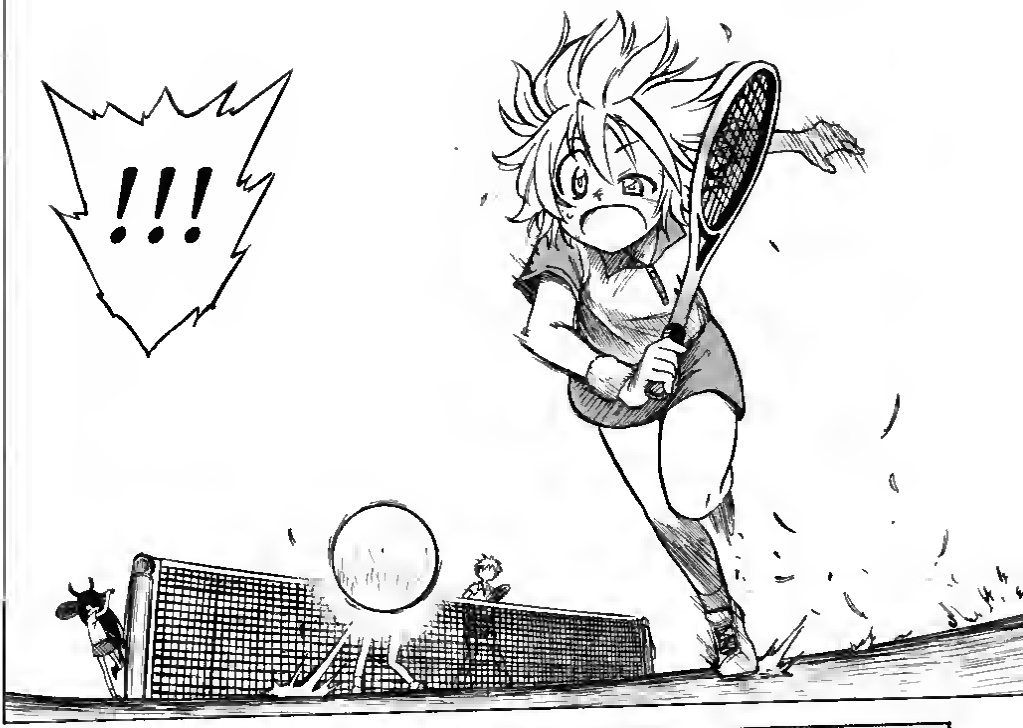


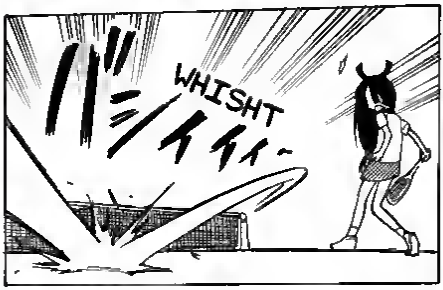


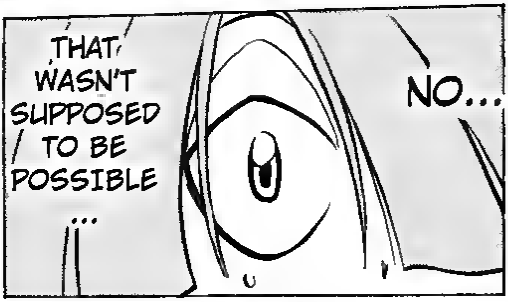







!!!


WHISHT
シィィィー


THAT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE POSSIBLE...
NO...

...A PANTHER RUNNING ABOUT CHARMING THE SPECTATORS. ♪
AFTER ALL, I'M...
TA-DAH!

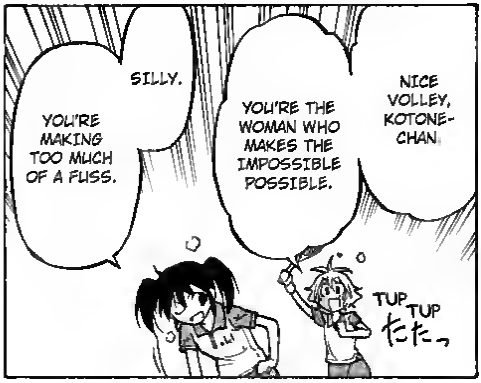
...

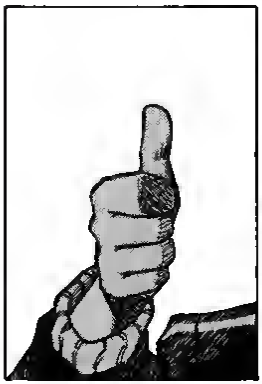
I WON'T LOSE TO YOU AT RUNNING.
WE'RE NO MATCH FOR YOU AT TECHNIQUE, BUT...
HEH HEH..!

THE FATEFUL POINT
HAH!
ONE MORE POINT AND WE'LL TAKE THIS GAME.
KEEP IT UP YOU TWO!
WOOOOOO!
IT'S GOING IN...!
WOW!!
YEAH!!
!!!
I WON'T LET YOU!!
POK
THAT GIRL REACTS RIDICULOUSLY FAST...!!!
THAT...
!!!
IT IS NOT!
WHACK
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BALL?!
GASP
WHAT...

A SMASH AT CLOSE RANGE...
KO...
KOTONE-CHAN ...!!!
...
!!!
THIS POINT ...
...IS OUUUUUURS!!
WHOOSH

...
BOING
BOING


SILLY.
YOU'RE MAKING TOO MUCH OF A FUSS.
YOU'RE THE WOMAN WHO MAKES THE IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE.
NICE VOLLEY, KOTONE-CHAN
TUP TUP
たたっ



FOR ME, THAT KIND OF THING'S A PIECE OF...

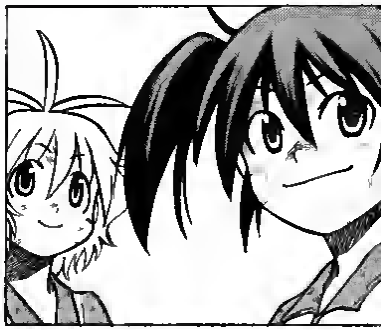
SHE... SHE DID IT. SHE RETURNED THAT CLOSE-RANGE SMASH...
INCREDIBLE, JUST INCREDIBLE!!!
♪
IT'S THE JAPANESE SPIRIT.
山根性

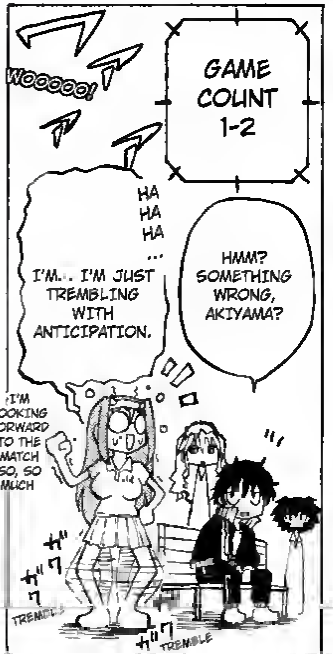
FLAG. GUTS

HEY NOW.
RUSTLE
YOU ACTUALLY CAN DO IT.
HEH HEH ...

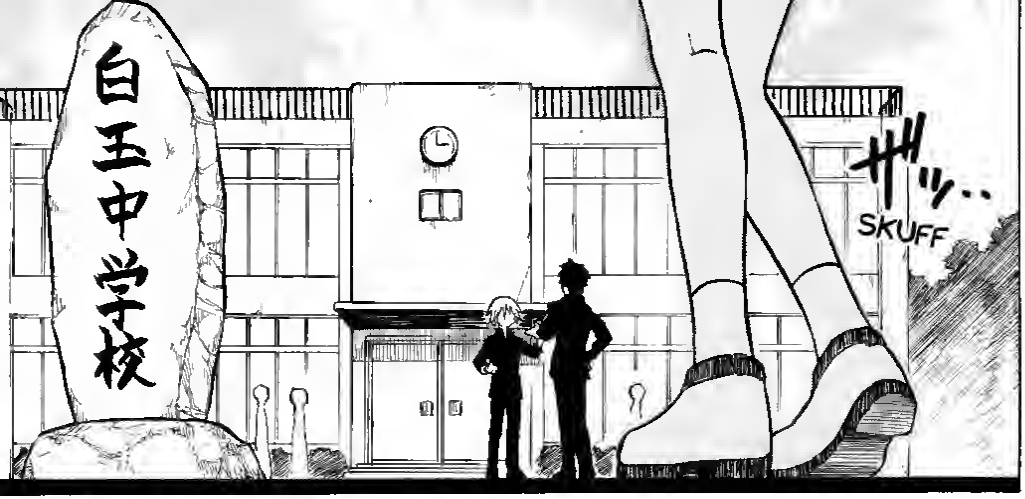
WE'RE GOING TO CRUSH YOU FULL-FORCE!!
BECAUSE WE SWEAR BY OUR INVINCIBLE NAME...
YOU GOT THAT?! BETTER GET READY, WENCHES!

THIS IS HOW IT'S GOTTA BE!
THIS IS FINALLY A BATTLE BETWEEN RIVALS.



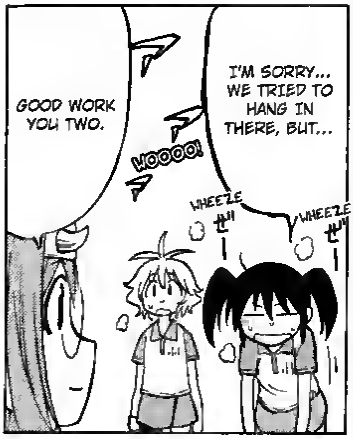

WOOOOO!
GAME COUNT 1-2
HA HA HA ...
I'M... I'M JUST TREMBLING WITH ANTICIPATION.
HMM? SOMETHING WRONG, AKIYAMA?
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE MATCH SO, SO MUCH
TREMBLE
TREMBLE

...YOU WON'T EVEN BE ABLE TO GROAN WHEN WE'RE DONE!!
WE'RE GONNA HIT YOU BACK SO BAD...
WOULDN'T HAVE IT ANY OTHER WAY!

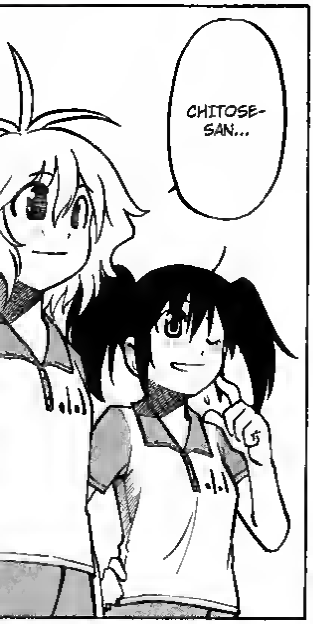


SIGN: SHIRATAMA MIDDLE SCHOOL

YOU GENTLEMEN ...
♡ ...ARE THE CUPIDS TO MY LOVE.
第12ゲーム よこはばっ
GAME 12 - WIDTH
...DUNNO.
WHAT WAS THAT...?



HEADBAND: KILL



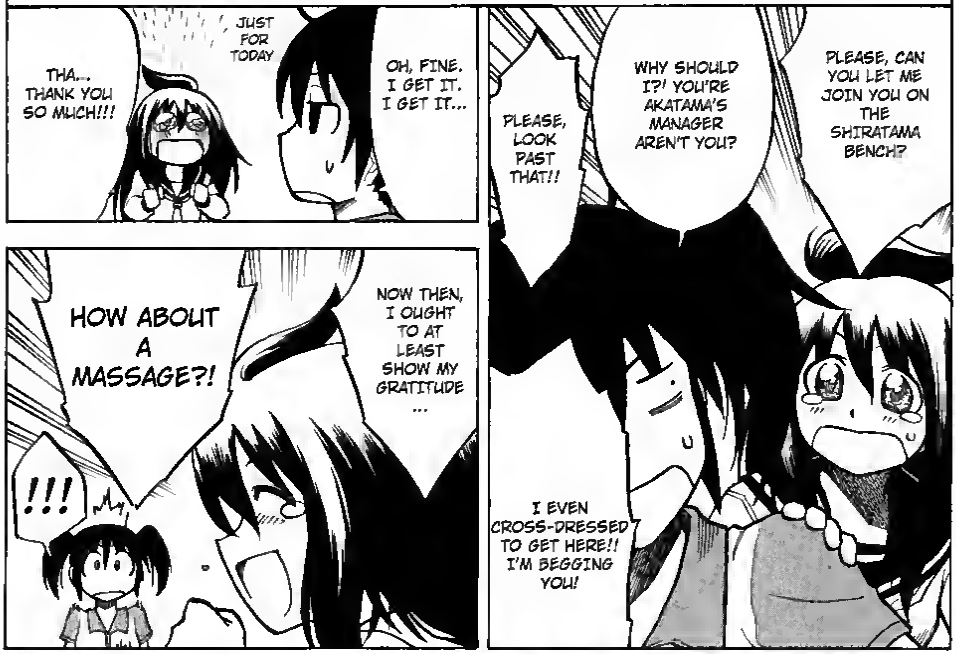
I'M OFF TO FETCH A CERTAIN SOMETHING.
CERTAIN SOMETHING?
?
CHITOSE-SAN, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
HI!
SHFF
AFTER SEEING YOU TWO TRY SO HARD...
WE CAN'T LOSE
HEADBAND: KILL
SOMETHING HANDMADE THAT I BUILT IN THE MOUNTAINS YESTERDAY. ♪
A "SECRET WEAPON."
HEADBAND: KILL
HUH?
IF SHE'S GONNA SLAUGHTER THEM, ISN'T THAT A GOOD THI--
ER.. ASUNA, WE'VE GOT TROUBLE!!
CHITOSE-SAN'S GONNA TOTALLY SLAUGHTER THEM!!
?
NO, I MEAN LITERALLY!
HER INTENT IS WRITTEN ON HER HEADBAND
GASP!
...
SOMETHING HANDMADE SHE BUILT IN THE MOUNTAINS...?

A SHADOW APPROACHES THE DE-BRIEF

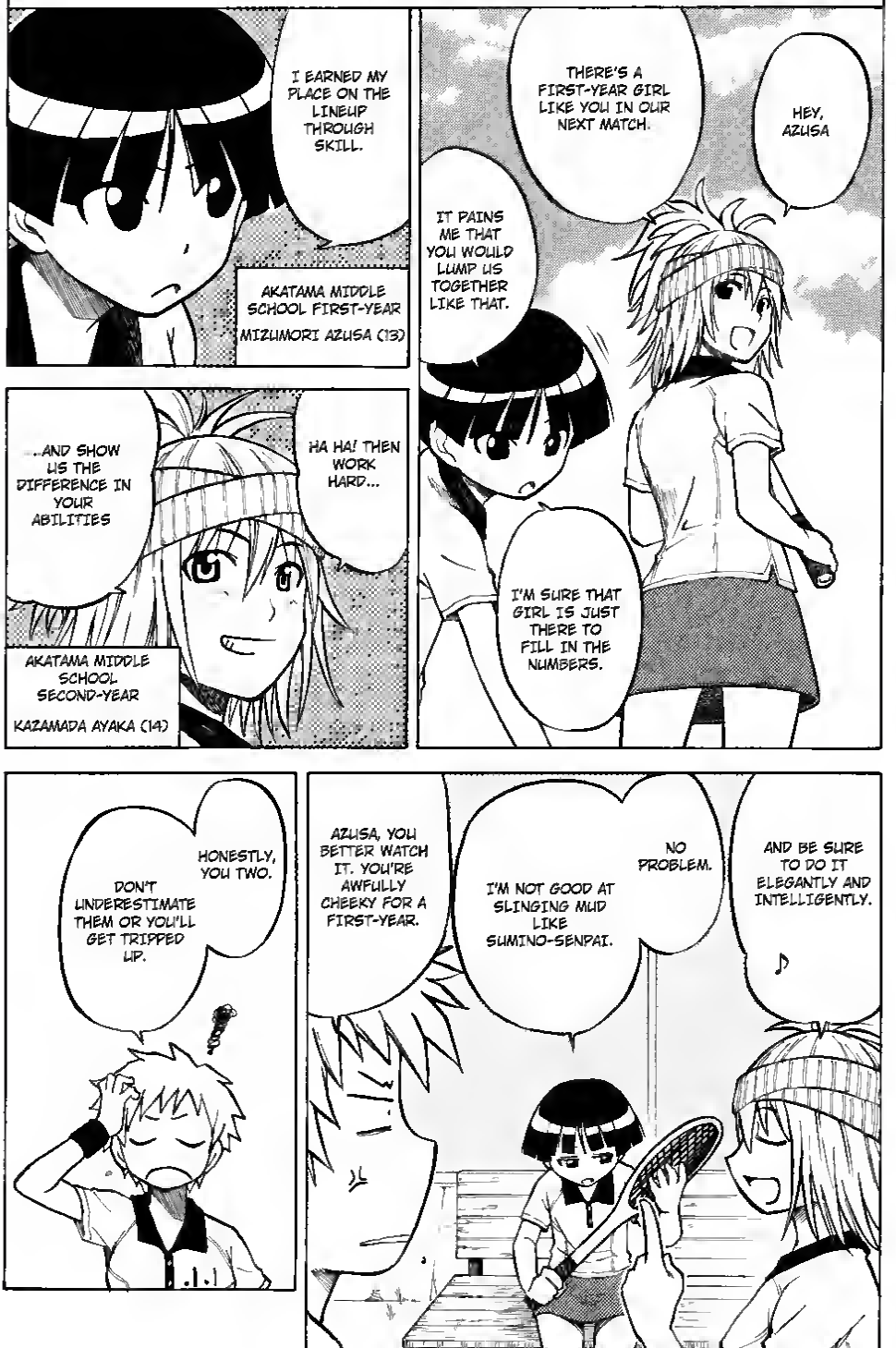
WELL...
I THINK WE FOUND A LOT OF PLACES THAT WE CAN IMPROVE.
BUT THERE WERE THINGS WE DID THAT WORKED WELL, TOO.
SO?
HOW WAS IT?
YOUR FIRST MATCH AGAINST ANOTHER SCHOOL, I MEAN.
OKAY!
UNTIL THEY COMPENSATE FOR YOUR WEAKNESSES.
YOU TWO CAN WORK ON EXTENDING THOSE STRONG POINTS FROM HERE ON.
ASUNA'S SPEED AND KOTONE'S PHYSICAL ABILITIES...
YOU'RE RIGHT.
WHO THE HECK...?!
YOU WERE LIKE THE GODDESS DAPHNE.
OH, COME ON. YOU'RE TOO KIND TO ME!
...
EH?
THAT'S NOT TRUE AT ALL.
♪
BUT ASUNA'S MARVELOUS LEGS ARE SO WONDERFUL...
I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT.
♡
YOU'RE EMBARRASSING ME

HER TRUE IDENTITY IS...
HUH? BUT...
THE ONLY PEOPLE WE MET THAT TIME WERE...
SERIHA AND SUMINO AND...
LET'S SEE ..
?
はっ
GASP!
HEY, ASUNA, THIS SOMEONE YOU KNOW?
AHA HA HA!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, KOTONE-CHAN?
DIDN'T YOU TWO MEET WHEN WE WENT TO TOWN?
TOWN?
LAST TIME WE WERE THERE .?
WAIT, REALLY?
LEO-KUN?
YEAH, LONG TIME NO SEE KOTONE-CHAN.
YOU... YOU... YOU WERE A GIRL...?
UM, NO

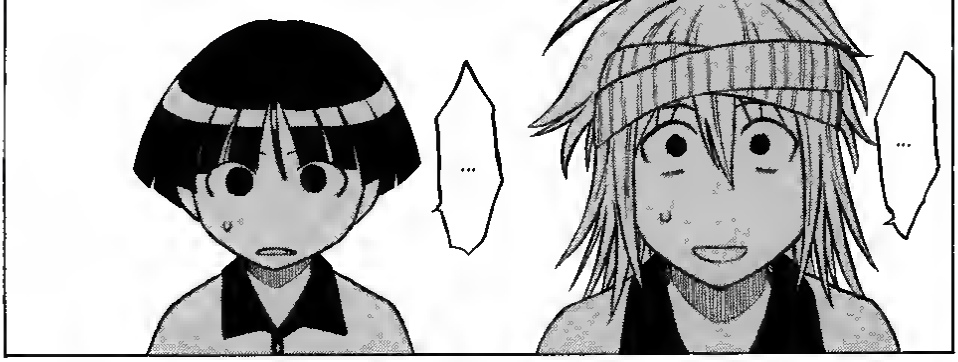
A SHADOW APPROACHES THE DE-BRIEF


JUST FOR TODAY
OH, FINE. I GET IT. I GET IT...
THA... THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!
PLEASE, CAN YOU LET ME JOIN YOU ON THE SHIRATAMA BENCH?
WHY SHOULD I?! YOU'RE AKATAMA'S MANAGER AREN'T YOU?
PLEASE, LOOK PAST THAT!!
I EVEN CROSS-DRESSED TO GET HERE!! I'M BEGGING YOU!
NOW THEN, I OUGHT TO AT LEAST SHOW MY GRATITUDE ...
HOW ABOUT A MASSAGE?!
!!!

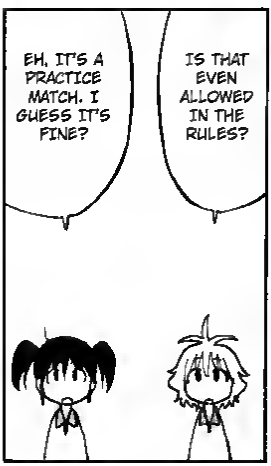
UNCONVENTIONAL GIRLS


I EARNED MY PLACE ON THE LINEUP THROUGH SKILL.
AKATAMA MIDDLE SCHOOL FIRST-YEAR
MIZUMORI AZUSA (13)
HEY, AZUSA
THERE'S A FIRST-YEAR GIRL LIKE YOU IN OUR NEXT MATCH.
IT PAINS ME THAT YOU WOULD LUMP US TOGETHER LIKE THAT.
I'M SURE THAT GIRL IS JUST THERE TO FILL IN THE NUMBERS.
HA HA! THEN WORK HARD...
...AND SHOW US THE DIFFERENCE IN YOUR ABILITIES
AKATAMA MIDDLE SCHOOL SECOND-YEAR
KAZAMADA AYAKA (14)
AND BE SURE TO DO IT ELEGANTLY AND INTELLIGENTLY.
♪
NO PROBLEM.
I'M NOT GOOD AT SLINGING MUD LIKE SUMINO-SENPAI.
AZUSA, YOU BETTER WATCH IT. YOU'RE AWFULLY CHEEKY FOR A FIRST-YEAR.
HONESTLY, YOU TWO.
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THEM OR YOU'LL GET TRIPPED UP.

OOOH...
WELL, DOESN'T THAT SOUND FUN!
BUT...
THEIR TENNIS SEEMS...
UNCONVEN-TIONAL?
I DUNNO...A BIT UNCONVENTIONAL.
OUR TENNIS...
...ISN'T EXACTLY LIMITED BY CONVENTION EITHER.
TA-DAH
ざわ MURMUR
ざわ MURMUR

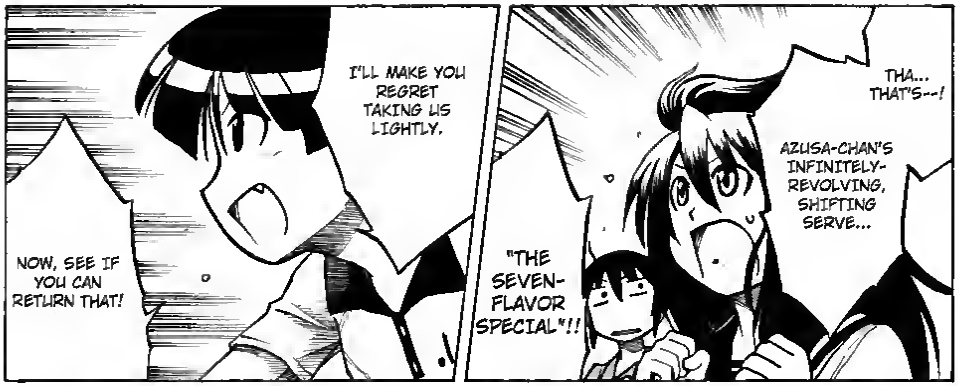

...
...

SHWOOOO


EH, IT'S A PRACTICE MATCH. I GUESS IT'S FINE?
IS THAT EVEN ALLOWED IN THE RULES?

ドガーン!
THAT ...
THAT'S WAY TOO UNCONVENTIONAL!

SUPER ROOKIES
SUH-POK
THIS MATCH IS STUPID.
I'M GONNA MAKE QUICK WORK OF THEM.
UGH...
WHY DO WE HAVE TO PLAY THESE CLOWNS..?
WHA.. WHAT?!
THE NUMBER OF BALLS INCREASED?
VOOM
!!!
SHWOOO
!?


I'LL MAKE YOU REGRET TAKING US LIGHTLY.
NOW, SEE IF YOU CAN RETURN THAT!
THA... THAT'S--!
AZUSA-CHAN'S INFINITELY-REVOLVING, SHIFTING SERVE...
"THE SEVEN-FLAVOR SPECIAL"!!

BOP
BOP
BOP
BOP
BOP
BOP
BOP
GO AHEAD AND...
!!!

...

!!!
BSHT

WHA...!
WHAT THE HECK?!

I SENT SEVEN BALLS BACK. THAT'S ALL.
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
NO BIG DEAL.
SEVEN BALLS CAME...
SO ...
THIS GIRL...
URK..
SHE'S REALLY OUT OF LINE!
SHE ...
SEND ME ANOTHER WARM UP.
THAT ONE WAS GOOD.
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
PRETTY BALLSY.
SHE'S A FIRST-YEAR LIKE ME, AS I RECALL.

TERROR!! THE CHITOSE DIMENSION
RETURNING SEVEN BALLS IS A SKILL THAT'S PROBABLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANYONE BUT KURUSU-CHAN.
IN THAT CASE...
...
SHWOOOM
URKH..
TAKE THIS ...
"SEVEN-FLAVOR SPECIAL"!!
!!!
DO-POK
I WILL SIMPLY HAVE TO CRUSH THOSE SEVEN POSSIBILITIES!!
MY "SEVEN-FLAVOR SPECIAL"...
URK...!
DEFEATED BY THAT RIDICULOUS THING...?
!!?
HER OPPONENT MUST BE IN SHOCK.
WHOA! THAT RACKET'S AWESOME!!
SO MUCH FOR HER SPECIAL ABILITY

HEADBAND: KILL

KA-BAM
BROKEN!
SWIP

すっ POKE...
SLUMP
SECOND MATCH COMPLETE
DEATH CONFIRMED.
...

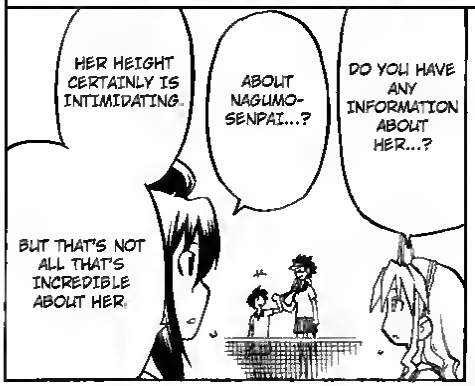
WIN A PARTNER!!

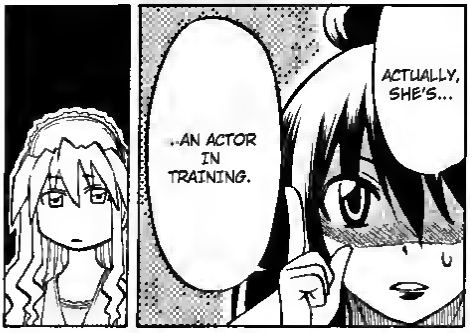
ROCK, PAPER...
OKAY, HERE WE GO.
SCISSORS
WELL, LET'S SETTLE IT FAIRLY WITH ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS.
I DON'T MIND BEING WITH MISSHI ...
COME TO THINK OF IT, WE'RE ON THE LAST MATCH.
WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO ABOUT ELLIE'S PARTNER?
SOUNDS GOOD!
...

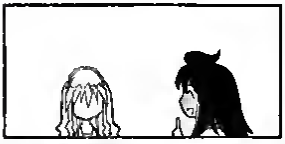
IT'S YOU?!
WHY'RE YOU PARTICIPATING?
AHA HA HA!
WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU, LEO-CHAN.
AH... ASUNA-SAN!
CARVE THIS VISION OF MY BRAVERY INTO YOUR EYES!!

INDIRECT HOLLYWOOD
HUH?
SO JUST TO BE EXTRA CAREFUL...
EHEH HEH! WOULDN'T WANT THEM TO FIGURE OUT WHO YOU ARE.
キュポ POP
LEO-CHAN, HOLD ON A SEC.
WHAT IS IT, ASUNA?
TUP TUP TUP TUP..
AN INDIRECT KISS--!
A... ASUNA-SAN'S LIPSTICK...
COULD THIS BE...
...!?
HOLD STILL!
キュ.. SKWIK
PSHOO
...
IT'S A GOOD THING YOU HAD SOME.
HERE YOU GO, KURUSU-CHAN
IT'S MY HOLLYWOOD MAKEUP

MINIATURE INFORMATION FESTIVAL


DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT HER...?
ABOUT NAGUMO-SENPAI...?
HER HEIGHT CERTAINLY IS INTIMIDATING.
BUT THAT'S NOT ALL THAT'S INCREDIBLE ABOUT HER.



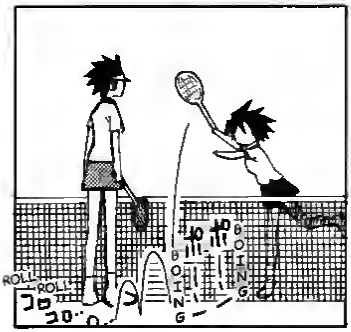


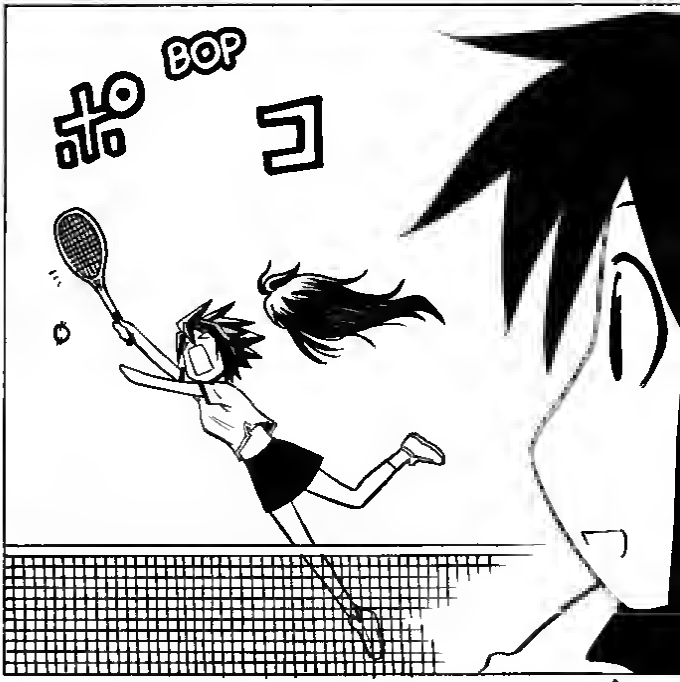
STILL, SHE HEROICALLY CONTINUES..
BUT BECAUSE OF HER HEIGHT...
...TO DREAM OF PLAYING A ROLE SUITED TO HER AGE.
.. SHE ONLY EVER GETS ADULT ROLES.
I WON'T GIVE UP...

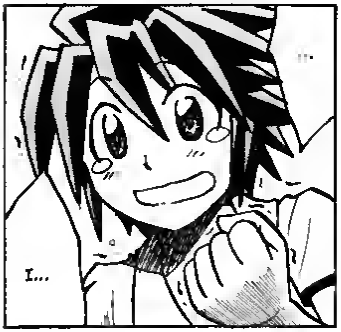
MINIATURE INFORMATION FESTIVAL

TAKE THAT!
HEY!
THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE MY CHANCE TO SHOW OFF FOR ASUNA-SAN.
AWW...
WOOOO!
IN THAT CASE I FEEL KINDA BAD NOT LETTING HER AT LEAST TOUCH THE BALL...
THAT GIRL MUST BE A BEGINNER.
SHE'S JUST JUMPING AROUND OUT THERE.
!!!
BOING
BOING
ELLIE-SAN AND TSUCHIDA-SENPAI ARE USING NOTHING BUT LOBS.
I CAN'T EVEN TOUCH THE BALL...
SWISH
AH, NOT AGAIN..

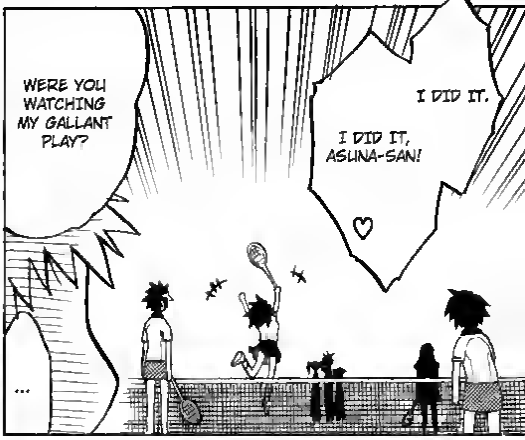
...AND GIVE THAT GIRL ONE SHE CAN REACH...
POK
I'LL BE NICE...


ROLL
ROLL
BOING
BOING

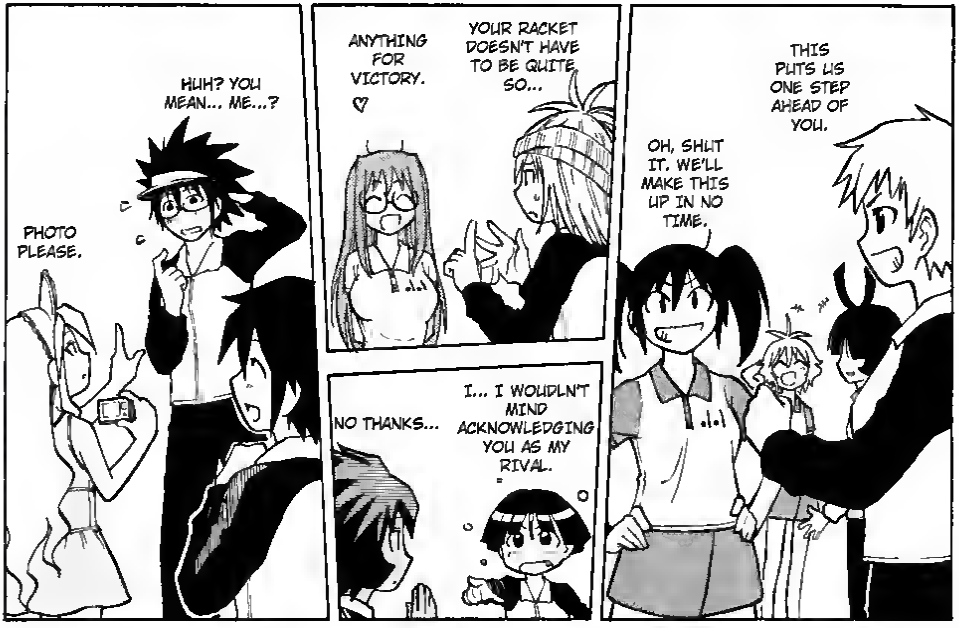

BOP


I...

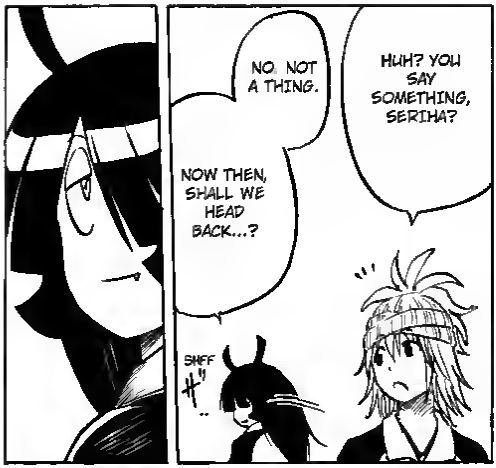
JUST LOOK AT HOW LOYAL YOU ARE!
OH... WE SAW QUITE WELL, THANKS.
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE


WERE YOU WATCHING MY GALLANT PLAY?
I DID IT.
I DID IT, ASUNA-SAN!
...

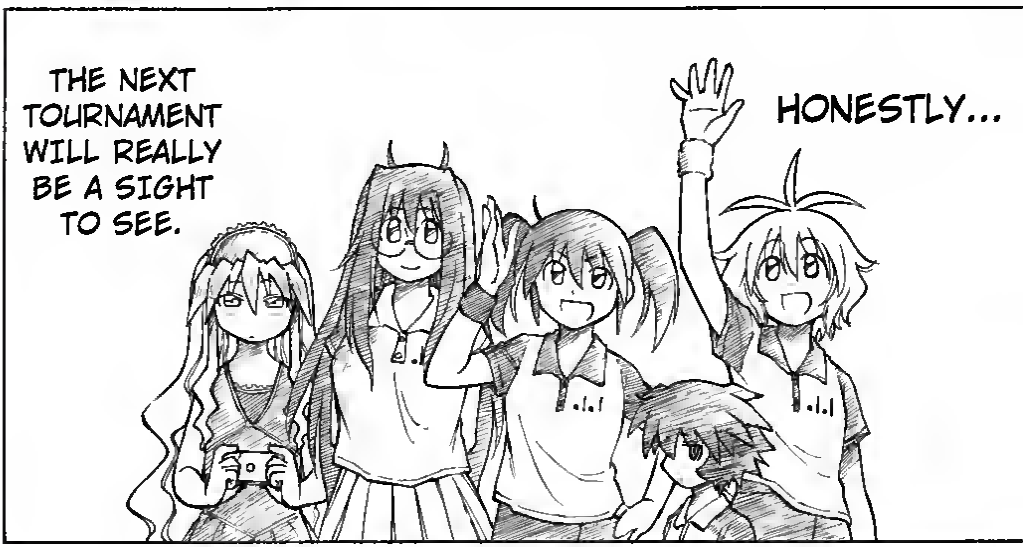
A GIRL WHO WANTS TO TOUCH

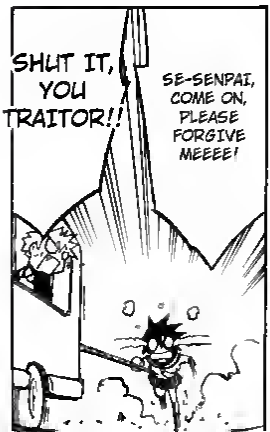

HUH? YOU MEAN... ME...?
PHOTO PLEASE.
ANYTHING FOR VICTORY. ♡
YOUR RACKET DOESN'T HAVE TO BE QUITE SO...
NO THANKS...
I... I WOULDN'T MIND ACKNOWLEDGING YOU AS MY RIVAL.
THIS PUTS US ONE STEP AHEAD OF YOU.
OH, SHIT IT. WE'LL MAKE THIS UP IN NO TIME.

THE TOP..? YOU JUST LOST TO US 3-0, YOU KNOW
THE TOP, OF COURSE.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
IF WE'RE GONNA AIM FOR SOMETHING, IT'S GOTTA BE...
WHAT A BUNCH OF OPTIMISTS ...
DO YOU HAVE ANY SORT OF GOAL AS A TEAM?
BY THE WAY, YOU GUYS.


HUH? YOU SAY SOMETHING, SERIHA?
NO, NOT A THING.
NOW THEN, SHALL WE HEAD BACK...?
SNFF

BUT, WELL...
IF THEY'RE THAT OPTIMISTIC...
...THEY MAY END UP DOING SURPRISINGLY WELL.


THE NEXT TOURNAMENT WILL REALLY BE A SIGHT TO SEE.
HONESTLY...


SHUT IT, YOU TRAITOR!!
SE-SENPAI, COME ON, PLEASE FORGIVE MEEEE!

...SHIRATAMA'S FIRST PRACTICE MATCH CAME TO AN END.
I'M GOOD TO GO
WHAAA?! NOW?! I CAN BARELY MOVE
OKAY, SHALL WE GET TO PRACTICE?

HAVING CARVED SOMETHING DISTINCT INTO EACH OF OUR HEARTS...
AND THUS...

TRAINING CAMP?
YEAH.
AS A SORT OF FINAL PUSH BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT.
AND TO STRENGTHEN THE BONDS BETWEEN TEAMMATES TOO.
BUT, WELL...
I'M NOT GONNA FORCE YOU.
IF YOU DON'T WANNA, THEN I GUESS...
WE DON'T MIND.
AT ALL. ♪
UH. OKAY....
WELL, I GUESS WE SHOULD GO.

第13ゲーム ばかんすっ
GAME 13 - VACATION

RYO ADUCHI PRESENTS
STEAM
もん
HISS
もん

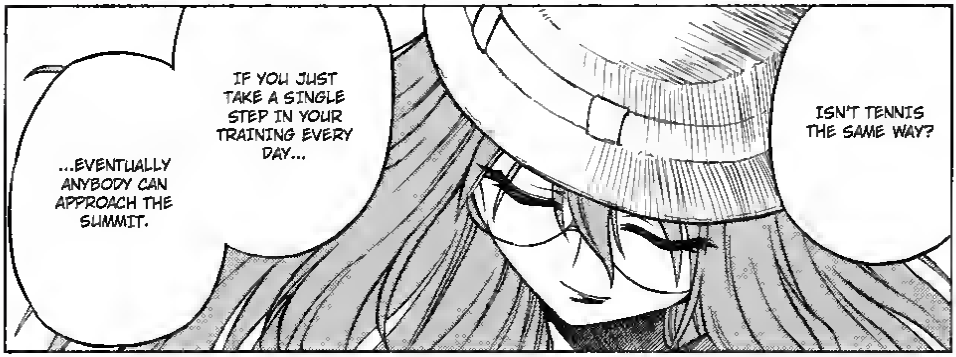
THE WHITE SANDS
THE BLUE SKIES
SPLASHING ABOUT IN THE SURF...
AND FINE YOUNG THINGS...
AND YET...
ISN'T THAT WHAT A TRAINING CAMP IS SUPPOSED TO BE?
LIKE THAT.

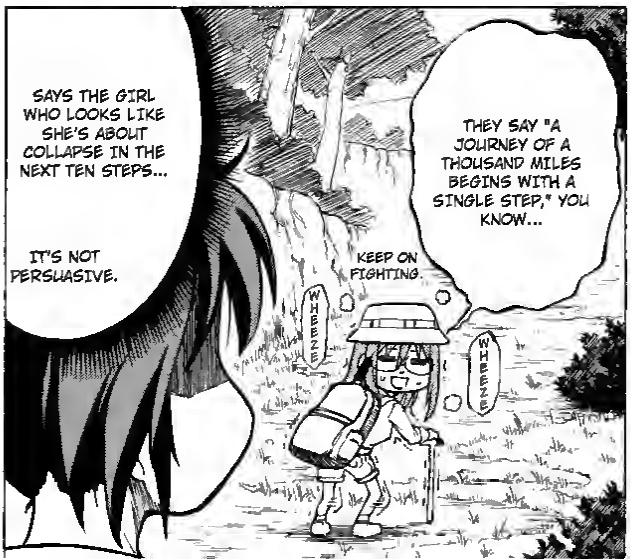
T-SHIRT: ONE STRIKE

WE'RE TOTALLY LOST!
WELL, WE'VE BEEN WANDERING AROUND FOR NEARLY AN HOUR NOW...
WHERE IS THIS PLACE ...?
OKAY, MISSHI, HOW MUCH LONGER 'TIL WE GET THERE ..?
NGH .. GOOD QUESTION ...
AND I EVEN WENT AND BOUGHT A NEW SWIMSUIT.
AWWW.
JUST BE PATIENT 'TIL WE GET TO CAMP.
OKAY?
GLOOM
ズーン

ON A JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND MILES

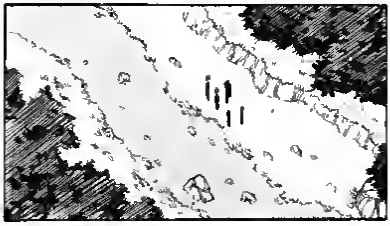
THE CAMP GROUNDS ARE NEAR THE SUMMIT.
AS LONG AS WE KEEP GOING UP WE'LL EVENTUALLY FIND IT.
NOW, NOW
THERE'S NO NEED TO PANIC.
WH-WHOA! CALM DOWN, KOTONE.
THIS IS WHY WE SHOULD HAVE GONE TO THE BEACH!!


...EVENTUALLY ANYBODY CAN APPROACH THE SUMMIT.
IF YOU JUST TAKE A SINGLE STEP IN YOUR TRAINING EVERY DAY...
ISN'T TENNIS THE SAME WAY?

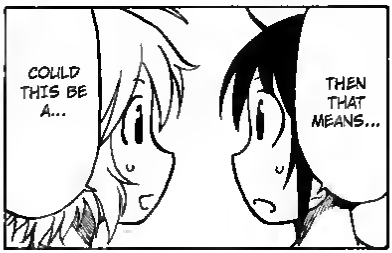

SAYS THE GIRL WHO LOOKS LIKE SHE'S ABOUT COLLAPSE IN THE NEXT TEN STEPS...
IT'S NOT PERSUASIVE.
THEY SAY "A JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND MILES BEGINS WITH A SINGLE STEP," YOU KNOW...
KEEP ON FIGHTING.
WHEEZE
WHEEZE

SLITHERING WITH THE QUEEN OF DELUSIONS
E.. ELLIE-CHAN, IT'S DANGEROUS TO APPROACH IT!!
IT IS FINE.
THAT THING'S HUGE.
GAH! SNAKE!!
HISS
ニャ!!
THIS TIGHT, SQUEEZING FEELING IS IRRESISTIBLE
!!?
THEY FEEL GOOD TO THE TOUCH...
AND MOST OF ALL...
SNAKES WITHOUT VENOM ARE CUTE THINGS.
I APPRECIATE THE THOUGHT, BUT...
NO THANK YOU.
IF... IF YOU NEED MORE JUST ASK...
HUFF はぁ
HUFF はぁ
HE... HEAVENLY ...
THIS TIGHT, SQUEEZING FEELING...
IS IRRESISTIBLE ..!!

OVER MY DEAD BODY
WHA... WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? JEEZ...
WE...
WE HAVE TO FIND OUR WAY OUT OF THE MOUNTAINS EVENTUALLY ...
!!!
SKE...
SKELETONS?!
IT'LL BE LIKE, ALL THEY'LL FIND IS OUR SKELETAL REMAINS ...
IF WE STAY LOST LIKE THIS I WONDER IF IT'LL HAPPEN TO US...
...
...TO...
WE JUST HAVE...



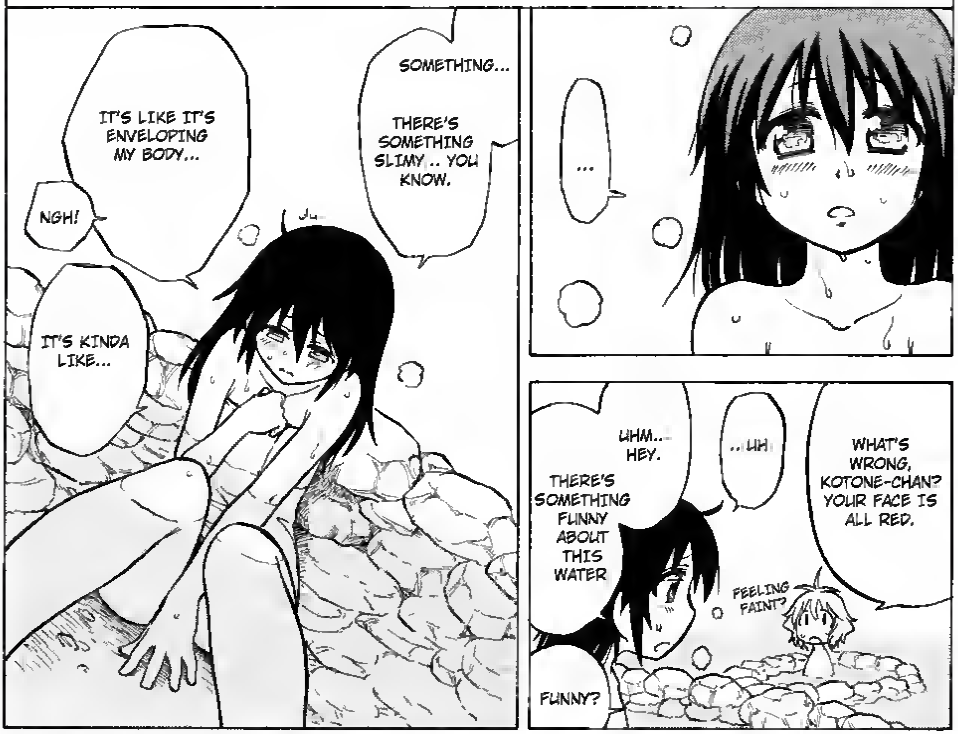
SHIRT: ONE STRIKE



I'M MAKING MY OWN PERSONAL OUTDOOR BATH.
OH, I'LL TRY THAT ♪ TOO.
AAAH...
WHAT'S THIS...?
A NATURAL JACUZZI OR SOME...
BURBLE ボコ BURBLE ボコ
?
WHOA, A GEYSER!
?
ゴト CLUB

ONLY ONE REMAINING...
SCRUNCH
HEH HEH!
IF IT COMES WITH A NICE BONUS LIKE THIS...
...MAYBE THE MOUNTAIN'S NOT SO BAD AFTER ALL.
HEY...
HOLD... HOLD ON..
...
MISS--
OOK?
EVERYONE'S OVER THERE STILL...
THEN COULD IT BE...
BADUM
BADUM
BADUM
GLANCE
PLOP
...
SCRITCH SCRATCH
MY, WHAT LOVELY WATER.

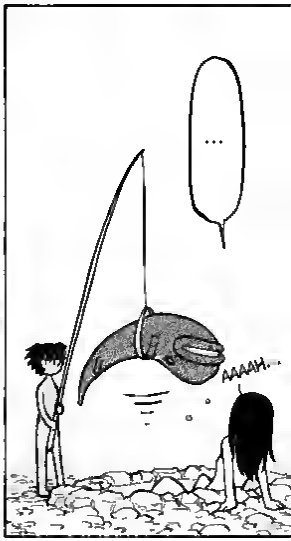
AN INVISIBLE STIMULATION AND YOU KNOW WHO



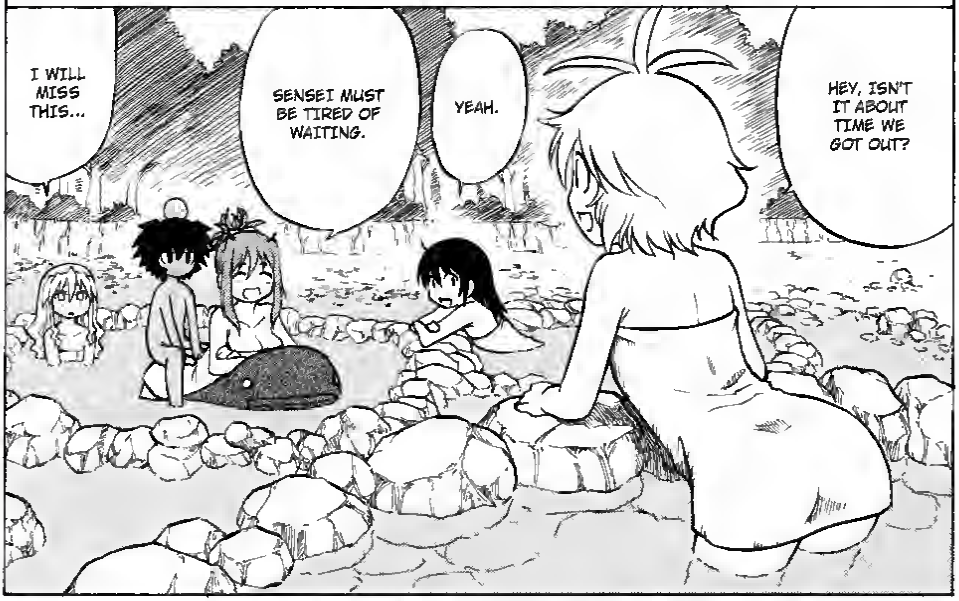
GO CRAZY ...!!

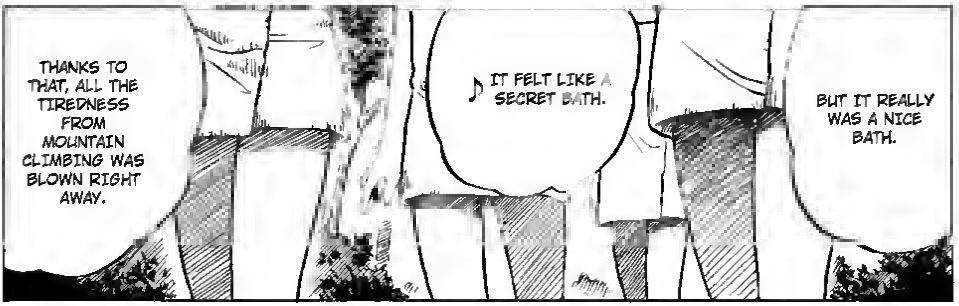
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE.
STILL ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT
SCOOT
SCOOT
ズリ
ズリ

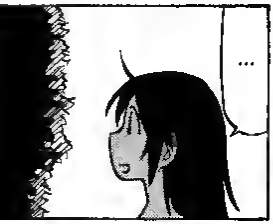
NO LONGER EFFECTIVE.
SPECIAL AMPHIBIAN DISGUISE SUIT.

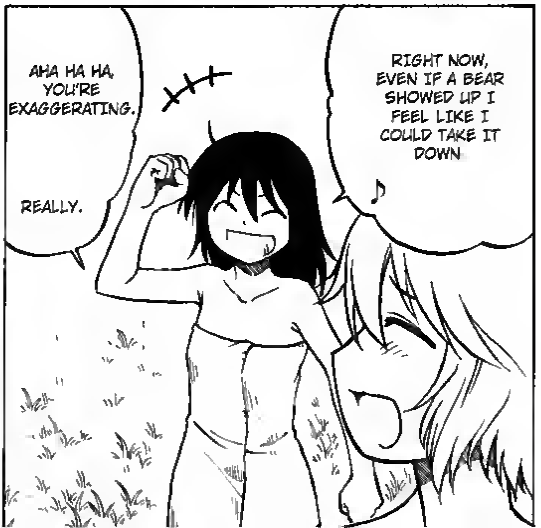

...
AAAAH...

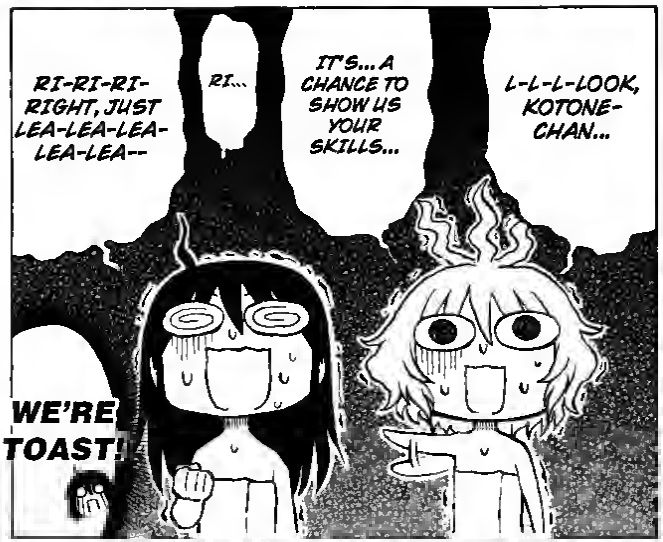
SPEAK OF THE DEVIL




THANKS TO THAT, ALL THE TIREDNESS FROM MOUNTAIN CLIMBING WAS BLOWN RIGHT AWAY.
♪ IT FELT LIKE A SECRET BATH.
BUT IT REALLY WAS A NICE BATH.





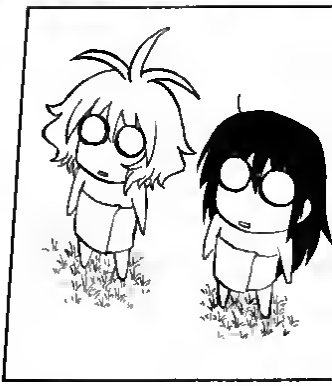

L-L-L-LOOK, KOTONE-CHAN...
IT'S... A CHANCE TO SHOW US YOUR SKILLS...
RI...
RI-RI-RI-RIGHT, JUST LEA-LEA-LEA-LEA-LEA--
WE'RE TOAST!

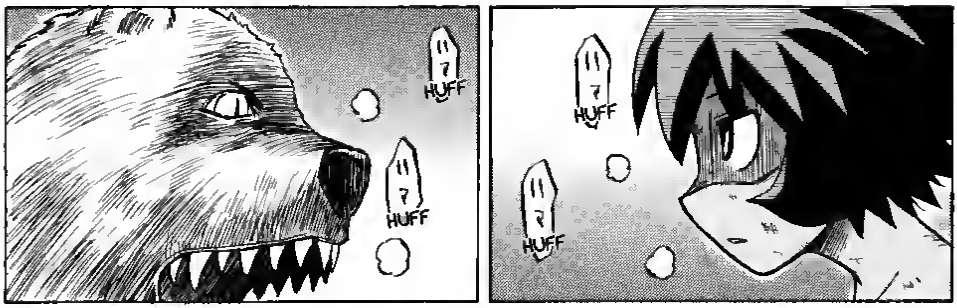
GROWL
GROWL
GROWL
GROWL

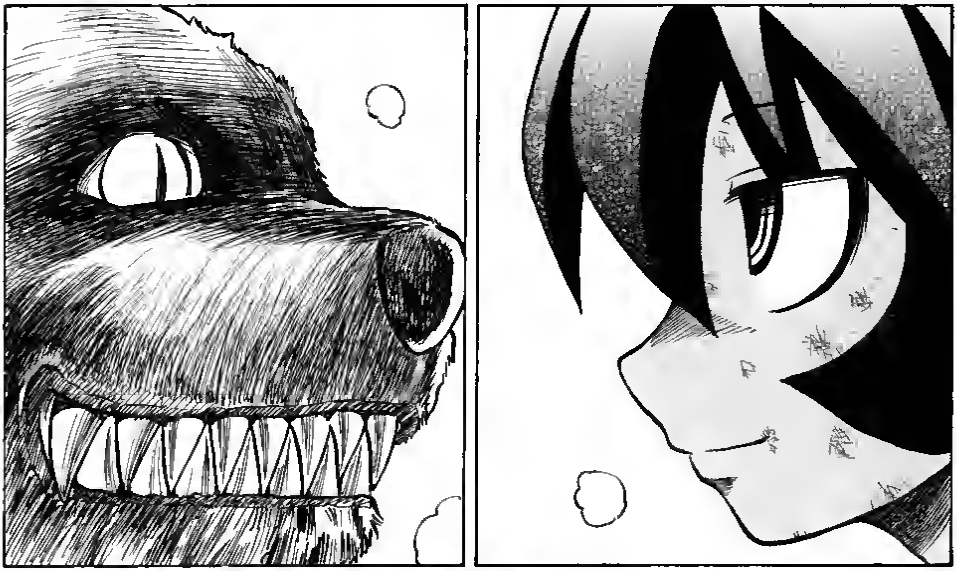
WILD INSTINCTS AWAKEN
!!?
DASH
AS IF! FOR NOW LET'S JUST GET OUT...
JEEZ, KOTONE-CHAN, ALL YOUR BRAGGING MADE IT MAD!
ROOOOOAR
TMP
CHI...
CHITOSE-SAN!!
WITH SOMETHING SO MIGHTY BEFORE ME...
I CAN'T POSSIBLY RUN AWAY.

I'LL HAVE A DELICIOUS ...
SWOOSH
AND THEN ...
I'LL STRIKE YOU DOWN...
SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST!
THAT IS THE ABSOLUTE RULE OF THE NATURAL WORLD.
BAM
!!!
GA-SHUNK
!!!
HEH HEH.. LOOKS LIKE THE PATH TO BECOMING A TRUE PREDATOR IS STILL...
RATHER LONG INDEED...
I LEAVE THE REST TO YOU...!

BATTLE GIRL
ROOOOAR
WHOA!! IT'S COMING THIS WAY!
E-EVEN IN BERSERKER MODE, CHITOSE-SAN COULDN'T BEAT IT...
...
GRR ....?!
!!!
WHAM
I CAN PLAY ALL I LIKE WITHOUT HOLDING BACK.
BRRK
...
IMPRESSIVE RESISTANCE ...
IT LOOKS LIKE...
TUP

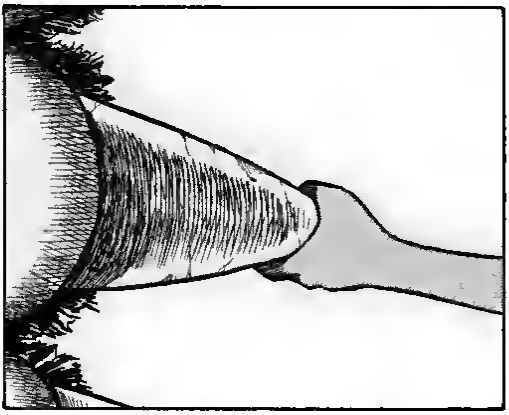



HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF



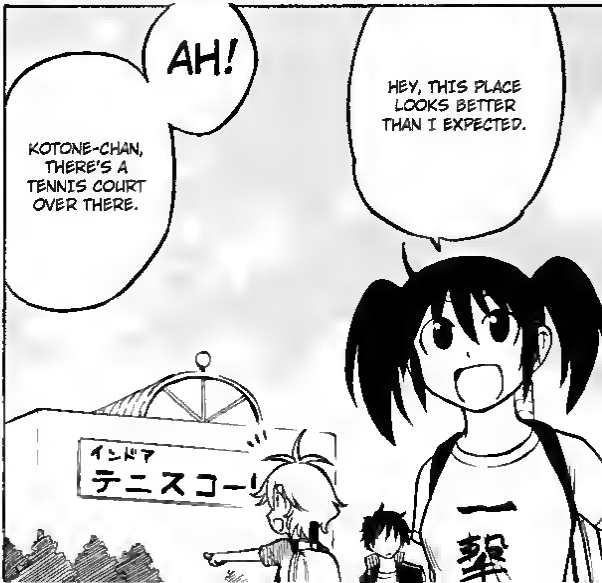
YOU SURE HE'S NOT TAKING US TO THE UNDERWORLD?
HE SAYS HE'LL TAKE US THERE.
IS... IS THAT RIGHT ...?
HUFF
HUFF

AND SO...

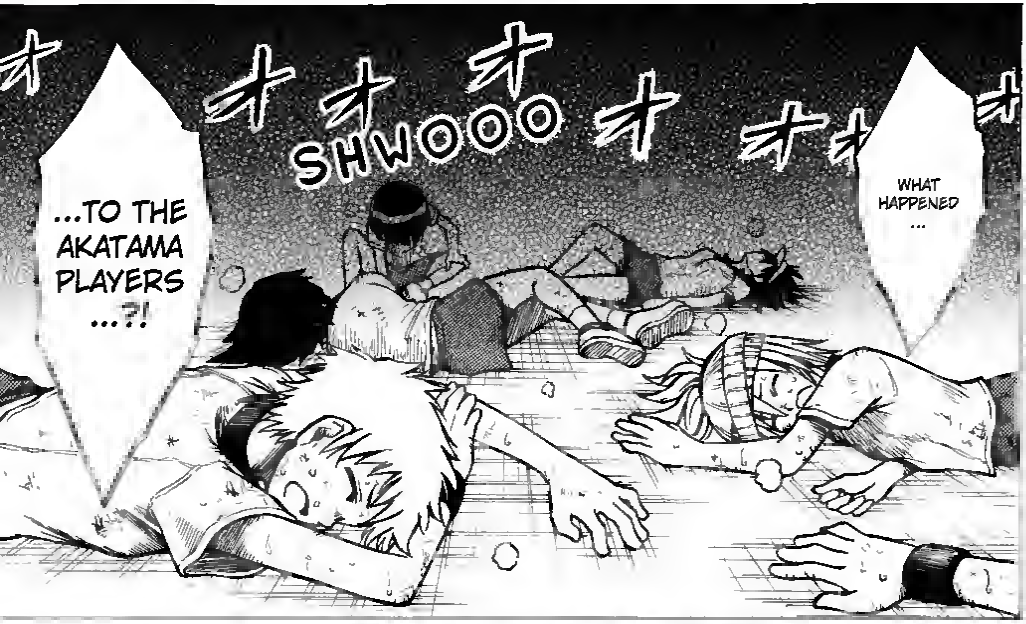


SIGN. INDOOR TENNIS COURT

SHIRT. ONE STRIKE



WHAT'S GOING ON...?
WHAT IS THIS...?
WHA...
...


SHWOOO
...TO THE AKATAMA PLAYERS ...?!
WHAT HAPPENED ...

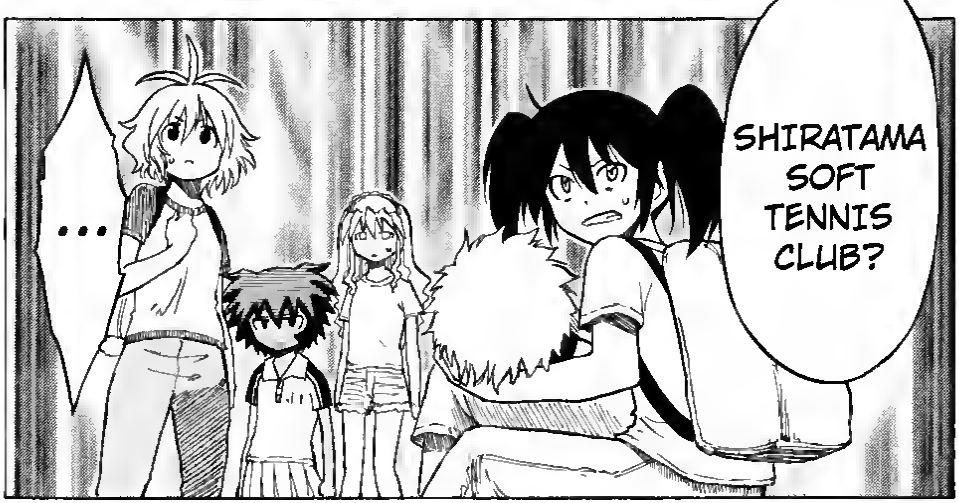
SO I WAS KIND OF LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS, BUT...
THEY SAY THEY'RE AN ALL-HOKKAIDO REGULAR...

OH, PLEASE

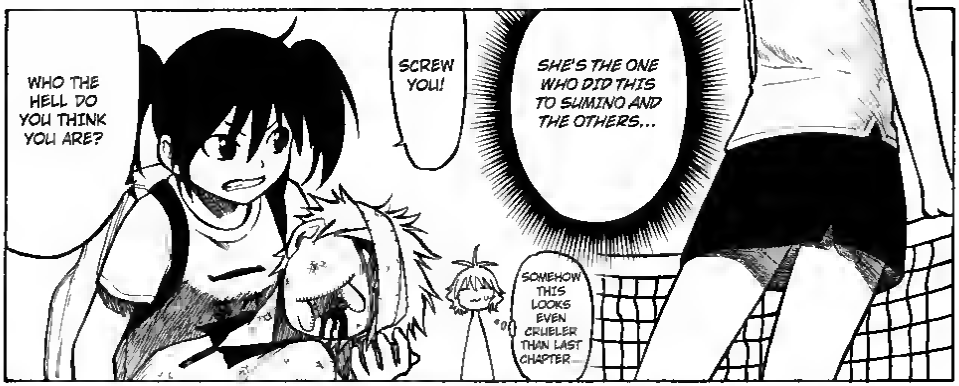
HEY, COME ON!!!
WHAT ON EARTH HAPPENED TO YOU?
HEY!! HANG IN THERE, SUMINO!!

RIGHT ...?
DON'T YOU PEOPLE AGREE...?

THEY DIDN'T EVEN OFFER A DECENT WARM-UP.
WHAT A LET-DOWN.
RUMBLE
ゴゴゴゴ
RUMBLE
ゴゴゴゴ
RUMBLE

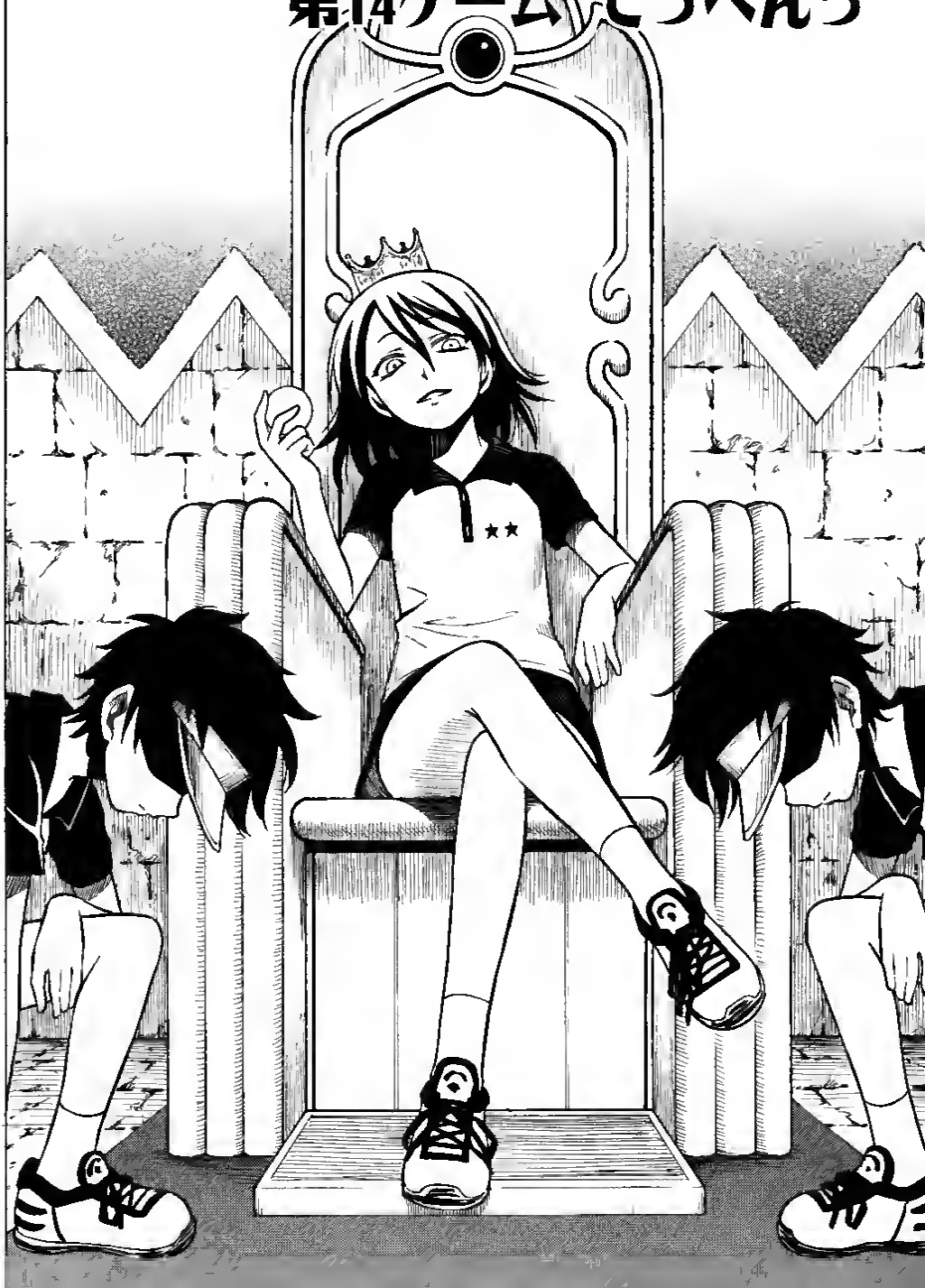

...
SHIRATAMA SOFT TENNIS CLUB?

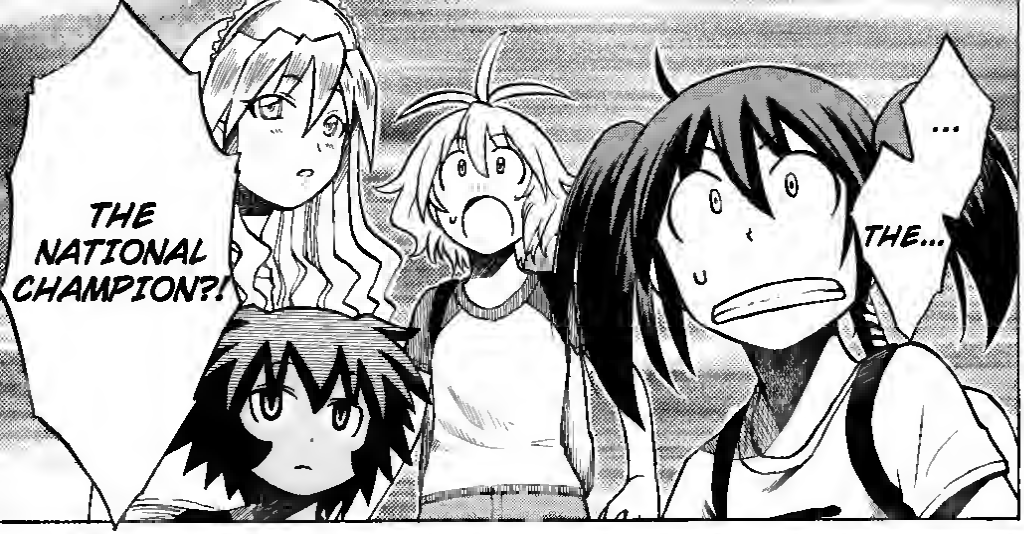
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
...

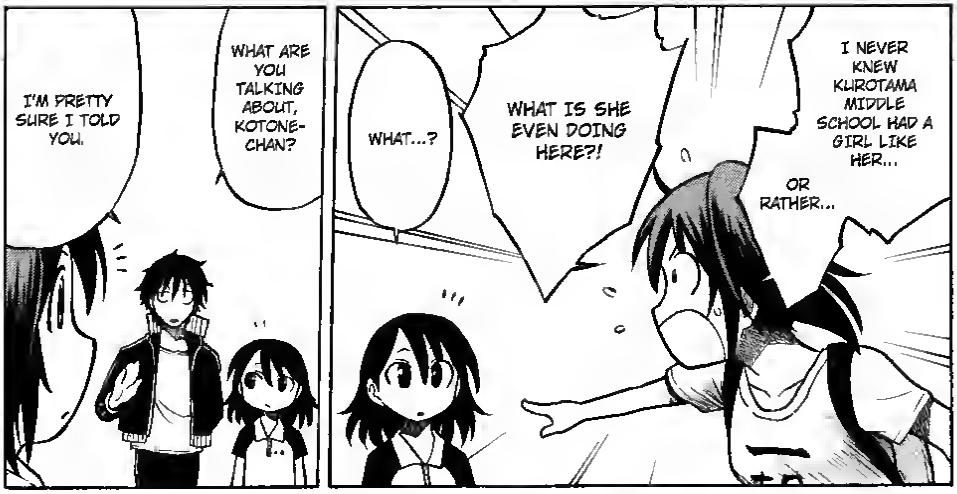

WHO THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?
SCREW YOU!
SHE'S THE ONE WHO DID THIS TO SUMINO AND THE OTHERS...
SOMEHOW THIS LOOKS EVEN CRUELER THAN LAST CHAPTER...

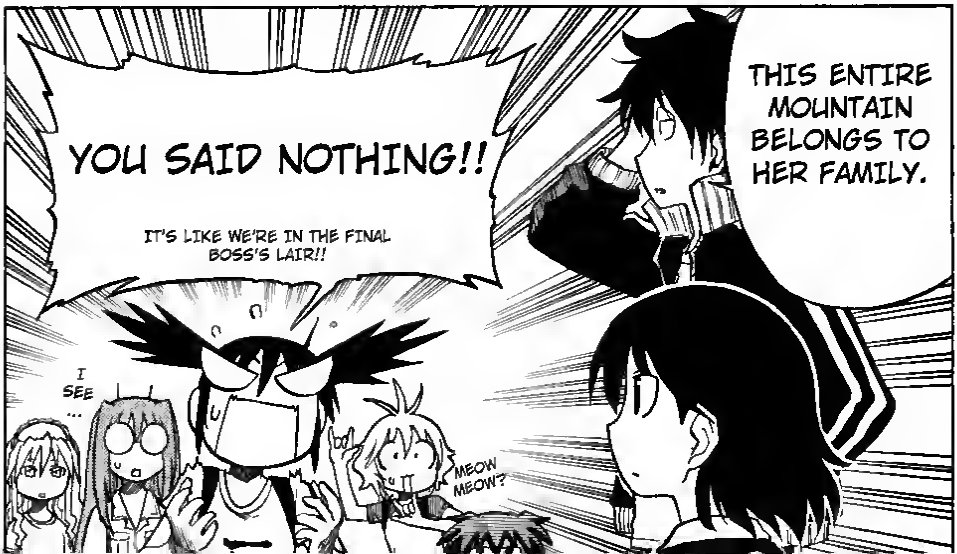
LAST YEAR'S NATIONAL TOURNAMENT SINGLES .
... CHAMPION.
KUROTAMA MIDDLE SCHOOL'S SOFT TENNIS CLUB PRESIDENT AND UNDISPUTED TOP PLAYER.
SHE'S SHIDOU MISAKI.
ALSO...

GAME 14 – PEAK
第14(だい)ゲーム てっぺんっ




THE NATIONAL CHAMPION?!
...
THE...

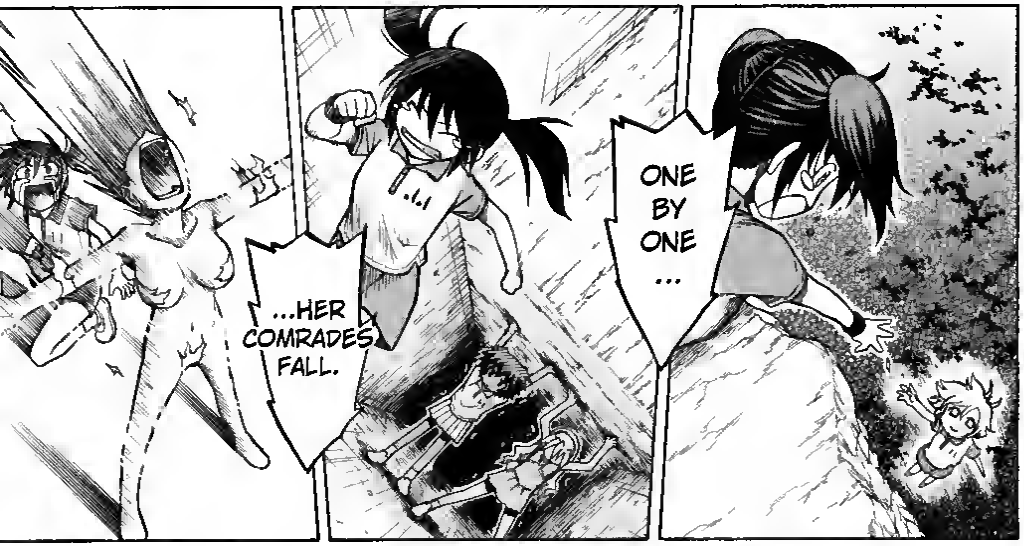

I'M PRETTY SURE I TOLD YOU.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, KOTONE-CHAN?
WHAT...?
WHAT IS SHE EVEN DOING HERE?!
I NEVER KNEW KUROTAMA MIDDLE SCHOOL HAD A GIRL LIKE HER...
OR RATHER...


YOU SAID NOTHING!!
IT'S LIKE WE'RE IN THE FINAL BOSS'S LAIR!!
THIS ENTIRE MOUNTAIN BELONGS TO HER FAMILY.
I SEE...
MEOW MEOW?

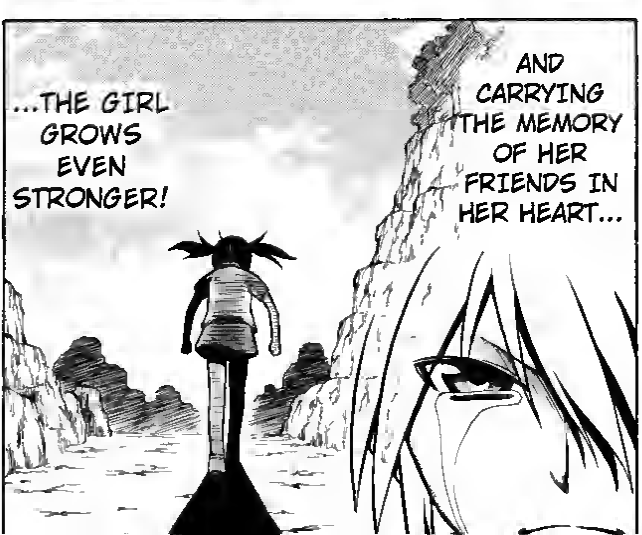
OVERCOME THE TRIALS!!
WITH MY WARM-UP, THAT IS.
IT'S JUST THAT NONE OF THEM COULD KEEP UP.
ズカぁ…!
GLOOOM
WELL, THAT'S GREAT AND ALL...
BUT WHAT'S THIS MESS ABOUT?
OH, THOSE GIRLS?
STAIRS ...
ガーン
GROOAH
!!?
ゴゴゴ…
RUMBLE
YOU WANT TO TRY IT TOO?
THAT'S RIGHT.
パチ!
SNAP
?
YOUR WARM-UP, HUH?
AND SHOULD YOU SUCCESSFULLY CLEAR ALL OF THE TRIALS...
..THAT COMPLETES THE WARM UP.
I WORKED UP A GOOD SWEAT
THERE ARE A NUMBER OF TRIALS PREPARED THERE.
THERE'S A SECRET TRAINING FACILITY IN THE BASEMENT OF THIS BUILDING.

AS MANY DIFFICULTIES CLOSE IN ON THEM...
A TRIAL... IS IT?

A TRIAL... IS IT?
LE-LET'S NOT DO THIS, KOTONE-CHAN!
EVEN THE AKATAMA GIRLS COULDN'T...


...HER COMRADES FALL.
ONE BY ONE ...

WAI--!
WE ALL JUST DIED...!
SOUNDS FUN. I'LL DO IT.
MY! I LIKE YOUR RESPONSE.


...THE GIRL GROWS EVEN STRONGER!
AND CARRYING THE MEMORY OF HER FRIENDS IN HER HEART...

TAKE HOLD OF IT
IT'D BE A WASTE TO NOT GRAB AT WHATEVER WE CAN.
BUT WE CAME ALL THE WAY OUT TO THE MOUNTAINS FOR TRAINING.
!
HONESTLY, YOU JUST WENT AND DECIDED WITHOUT CONSULTING US...
AHA HA HA!
SORRY, SORRY.
SPUR OF THE MOMENT
THEY CHANGED CLOTHES.
WHOA!
OOPS!
ACK...!
YOU KNOW THERE'S SOME LOGIC TO...
AH!
TUNK
...
GRAB
...
WHAT WE CAN...
HO-HOW RUDE!!!
THE...THERE REALLY WASN'T MUCH TO GRAB THERE.
I HAVE SOME AT LEAST!!
IT WAS ALL I COULD DO JUST TO PINCH THEM
DON'T PINCH THEM
EEEEEK!!
WHOOPS!
SQUEEZE

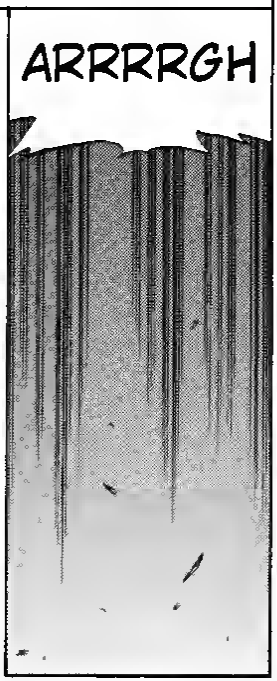
THE UTOPIA OF IDEALISM AND REALITY

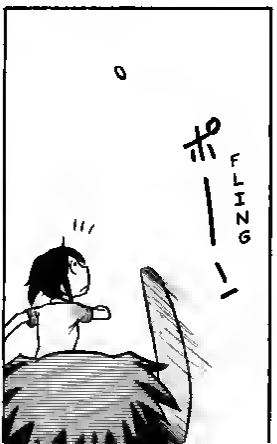
THE CHAMP'S TRUE SKILL

ON TOP OF THAT...
SHE'S CLEARING THOSE HIGH-SPEED HURDLES LIKE THEY WERE NOTHING..
SLIDE
NO WONDER SHE'S THE NATIONAL CHAMPION.
IN.. INCREDIBLE ..
DONE!!!
EEEEEK!
HUH ...?
AH!
SHE CAN MOVE AROUND LIKE THAT WITHOUT EVEN WEARING AN UNDER-SKIRT.
NO KIDDING
I COULDN'T HOPE TO IMITATE THAT

DOING LIKE MOSES DID

JUST KEEPING MY CURRENT POSITION IS TAKING EVERYTHING I HAVE!
PHEW!
THE HURDLES ARE GETTING IN THE WAY! I CAN'T PROGRESS AT ALL!!
DARN IT.
WOOOM
ゴオオオオオオ





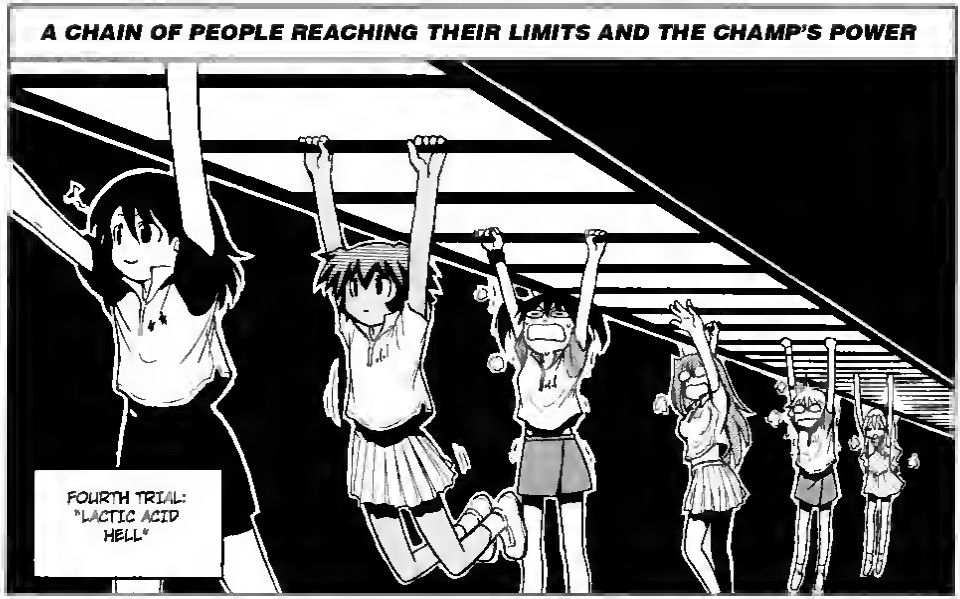
BOOM
!!?
SMASH
SMASH
SMASH
SWEET...
ギリ!
CRRK
DUMPLING!
ぱくっ
CHOMP
FIRST TRIAL: CLEARED
I THINK I CAN MANAGE THIS
HEY, THAT MAKES RUNNING EASIER
TMP TMP TMP

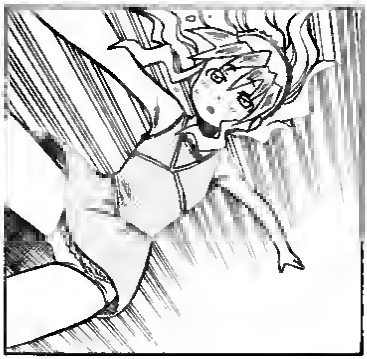
I TRIED TO GET A HOLD OF IT, BUT...
THIS IS A CINCH COMPARED TO THE LAST ONE.
HEH! IS THAT IT?
OH, REALLY?
IF YOU CAN RETURN A BALL FIRED AT 160 KM/H, YOU PASS.
THIS IS THE SECOND TRIAL, WHICH TESTS DYNAMIC VISUAL ACUITY. IT'S CALLED, "VISUALIZE YOUR ACUITY!"
THAT'S A RUN.
THAT'S FAST!
HMM.
ズム SWUMP
A PERFECT HI--
POK
SEE!!
SWOOSH
YOU COULD HAVE MENTIONED THAT!
AH, I SHOULD MENTION THAT IF YOU DON'T HIT THE SWEET SPOT ON THAT RACKET PERFECTLY IT GIVES YOU AN ELECTRICAL SHOCK
RIGHT HERE.
TOO LATE!!
BETTER BE CAREFUL
GYAAAAAAH!!
BZZZT
HGCK...

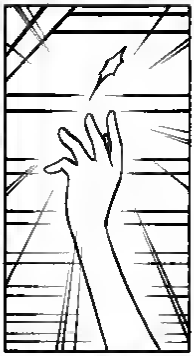
WHAT SHE SAW PAST CONCENTRATION
...MUST TAKE QUITE A LOT OF CONCENTRATION.
CATCHING A BALL AT THAT SPEED IN THE SWEET SPOT...
ごくり
...
IT'S LIKE A VISION OF HELL
BZZZT
ぎゃあぁぁぁ
GYAAAAAH!
BZZZT
ぐわぁぁぁ
GWAAAAH!
アウチ
OUCH!
BZZZT
WHOOSH
CONCENTRATE!!!
SWHOOSH
I HAVE TO IMAGINE MYSELF GETTING IT IN THE SWEET SPOT...
CONCENTRATE, CONCENTRATE ...
So sweet!!!
SUH-POK
スパー！
HUZZAH!
SECOND TRIAL: CLEARED
I CAN SEE IT!!
FLASH

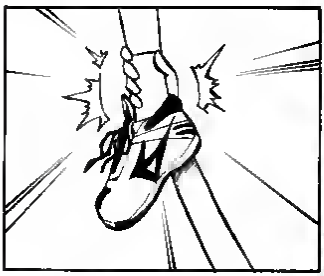
NOT ENTIRELY OPPOSED...
STARE
じっ…
WHAT? IS SOMETHING STRANGE?
HUH?
YOU PASS... WAIT.
THE THIRD TRIAL IS "BALANCE HEAVEN."
BOING
ぽぃーん
BOING
ぽぃーん
IF YOU CAN STAY ON THE BALANCE BALL WHILE MAKING YOUR WAY TO THE GOAL...
EH?!
STOP, WAIT!!
WHAT ARE YOU...?
EEEEEK!
...!!!
WAI--!
WHY..WHY AM I WEARING THIS OUTFIT...?
D-DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA, OKAY?!
I'M JUST GOING ALONG WITH YOUR WEIRD PLAN TO UNNERVE ME, THAT'S ALL!!
BOING
ぽぃーん
BOING
ぽぃーん
BOING
ぽ
いーーん

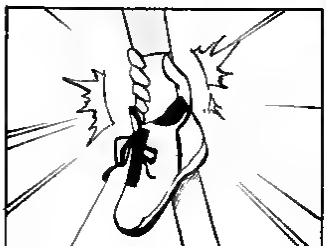
BINDING OUR HEARTS...
OWIE!
OH!
EEEK!!
UWAH!
...
WHEN YOU ADD IN THIS SLOPE...
BOING
ぽぃーん
BOING
ぽぃーん
IT'S HARD ENOUGH JUST BALANCING ON TOP...
DARN, THIS IS TOUGHER THAN I THOUGHT.
BOING
ぽぃーん
BOING
ぽぃーん
BOING
ぽぃーん
THIRD TRIAL: CLEARED


A CHAIN OF PEOPLE REACHING THEIR LIMITS AND THE CHAMP'S POWER
FOURTH TRIAL:
"LACTIC ACID
HELL"



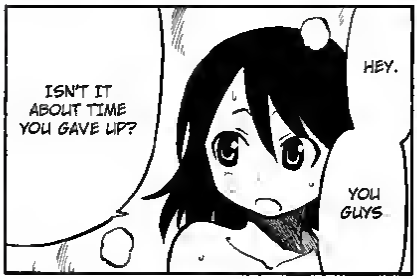






FOURTH TRIAL:
CLEARED

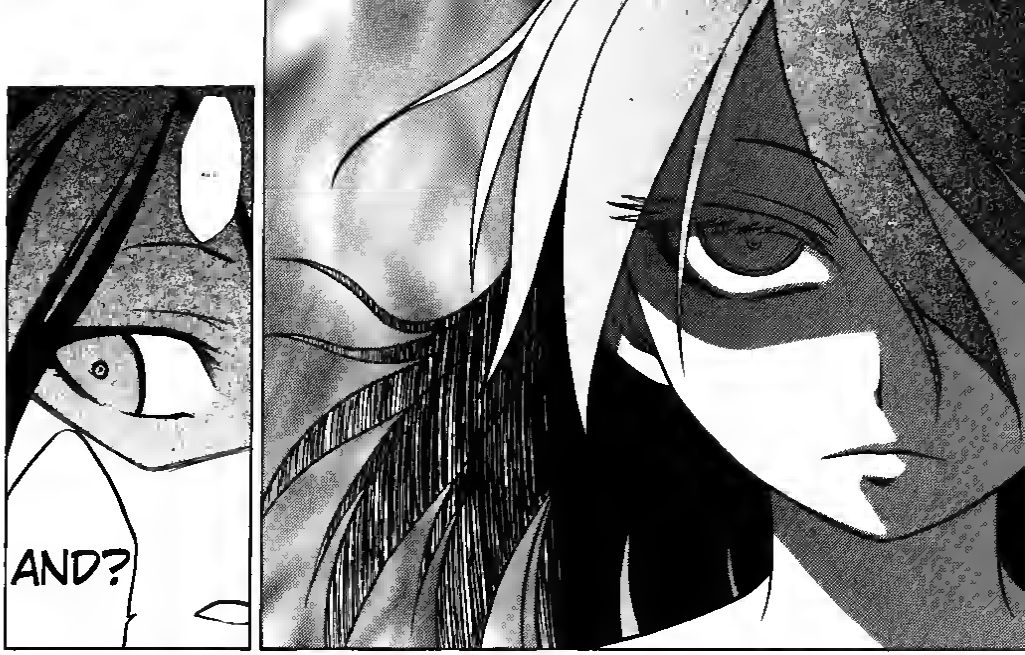
PHEW...
THEY MUST BE RUN RAGGED BY NOW...
THEY MUST BE RUN RAGGED BY NOW...
AT THIS POINT I DOUBT THERE'S ANYTHING WHERE THEY CAN BEAT HER.
NO...


HEY.
ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME YOU GAVE UP?
YOU GUYS

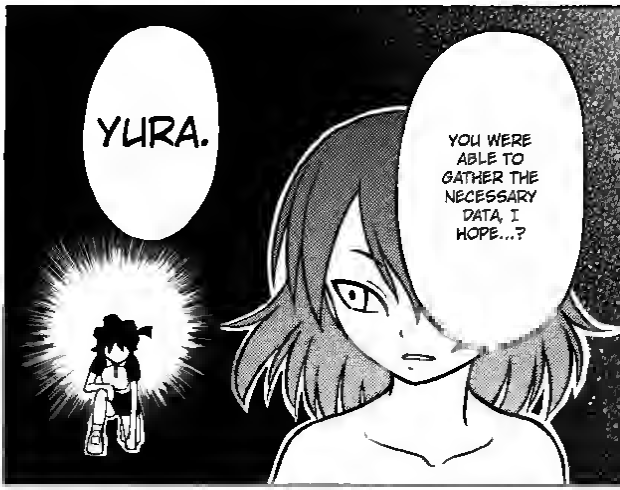
I GUESS THERE'S ONE THING, IF I RECALL...
PANT
PANT
PANT
PANT

YOU DID WELL JUST TO GET TO THE FINAL TRIAL, THE "LITTLE ROOM OF SCORCHING HEAT."
NO NEED TO BE SO STUBBORN
THERE IS.

...
HEH HEH..
...IS RIGHT HERE...
BECAUSE RIGHT NOW THE ONLY PLACE WHERE IT SEEMS WE CAN BEAT YOU...
DON'T MISUNDERSTAND.
IT'S JUST THAT THE SCHEDULED TWO HOURS ARE UP.
KA-ITCHAK
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU RUNNING AWAY, NATIONAL CHAMP?
PANT
PANT
!!!
THE WALLS ARE PULLING BACK.
RUMBLE RUMBLE
RUMBLE
SNAP
PA-TAK
...
THAT THIS IS ALL JUST A WARM UP...
I TOLD YOU AT THE BEGINNING, DIDN'T I?

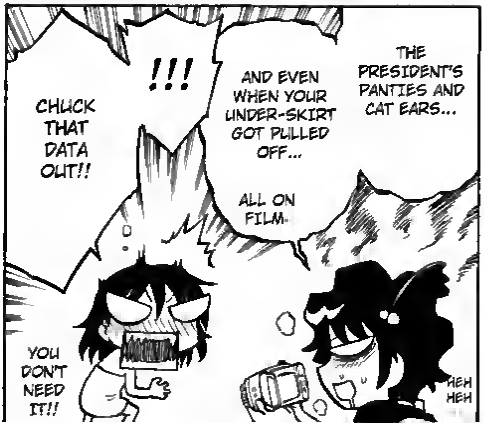

...
AND?

BUT OF COURSE.
I MISSED NOTHING.
KUROTAMA MIDDLE SCHOOL FIRST-YEAR HIRATSUKA YURA


YURA.
YOU WERE ABLE TO GATHER THE NECESSARY DATA, I HOPE...?

IT'S LIKE A MORGUE IN HERE..
...
MEANWHILE ...

そふてにっ 2 おわり

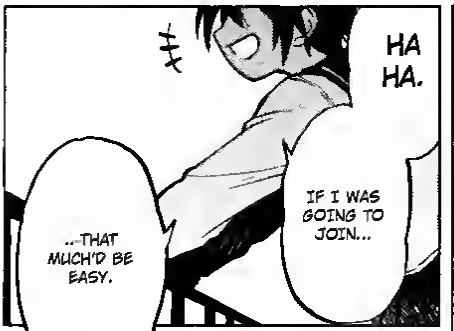

!!!
CHUCK THAT DATA OUT!!
AND EVEN WHEN YOUR UNDER-SKIRT GOT PULLED OFF...
THE PRESIDENT'S PANTIES AND CAT EARS...
ALL ON FILM.
YOU DON'T NEED IT!!
HEH HEH

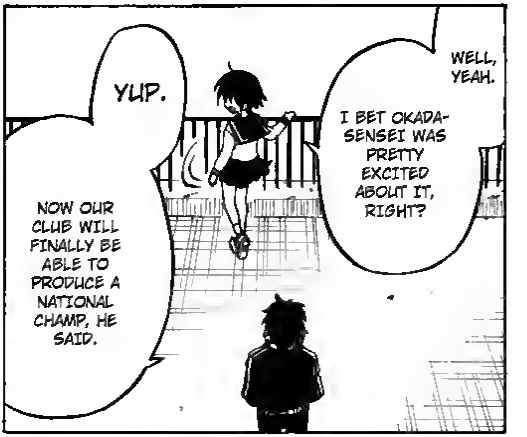
HEY, SAWANATSU.
SO THAT'S WHERE YOU WENT.
ガチャ
KA-TCHAK
OH.
カツ
TAK
カツ
TAK
TAK
カツ
HUH?
OH, IT'S YOU, MISHIMAGI-SENSEI.
SHIRATAMA MIDDLE SCHOOL FIRST YEAR
SAWANATSU KOTONE (13)

AH...
FROM THE KARATE CLUB...

WHAT? YOU NEED ME FOR SOMETHING?
OH, NOT ME.
OKADA-SENSEI WAS LOOKING FOR YOU.
OKADA?

I HEAR YOU'RE PRETTY INCREDIBLE.
IN GRADE SCHOOL YOU TOOK THE KARATE CHAMPIONSHIP THREE TIMES WITHOUT A SINGLE SCRATCH.
THEY SAY YOU'RE THE TYPE OF GENIUS THAT COMES ALONG ONCE IN A DECADE.

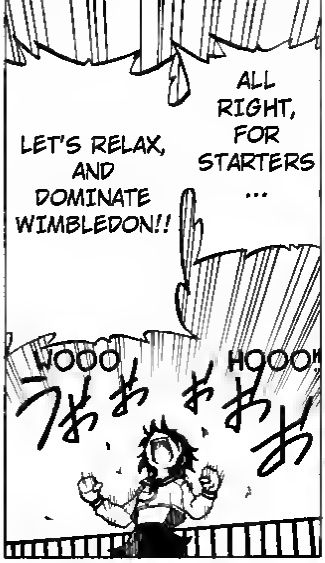

HA HA.
IF I WAS GOING TO JOIN...
...THAT MUCH'D BE EASY.


WELL, YEAH.
I BET OKADA-SENSEI WAS PRETTY EXCITED ABOUT IT, RIGHT?
YUP.
NOW OUR CLUB WILL FINALLY BE ABLE TO PRODUCE A NATIONAL CHAMP, HE SAID.

I GUESS THE PROBLEM IS...
...I'M TOO STRONG.
HEY, SAWANATSU.
...
HOW ABOUT SOFT TENNIS?
WANT TO TRY IT?

WAY BACK...
I HAD AN ACQUAINTANCE IN A SITUATION SIMILAR TO YOURS.
THIS IS WHAT HE TOLD ME.
...
HUH..?
SITTING AT THE PEAK IS KINDA...
WELL, IT'S BORING, ISN'T IT...?
OR SO HE SAID.
AH ...
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO, THEN THAT'S FINE TOO.
YOU CAN DO AS YOU PLEASE.
SHFF

IF YOU FEEL LIKE LOOKING FOR ANOTHER PEAK TO CLIMB, STOP BY ANY TIME.
AS A CHALLENGER.
JUST...
...
SLAM!..
TREMBLE
...
ANOTHER PEAK...
AS A CHALLENGER ...
HUH ....


ALL RIGHT, FOR STARTERS ...
LET'S RELAX, AND DOMINATE WIMBLEDON!!
WOOO
HOOOH

YEEEAH BABY!

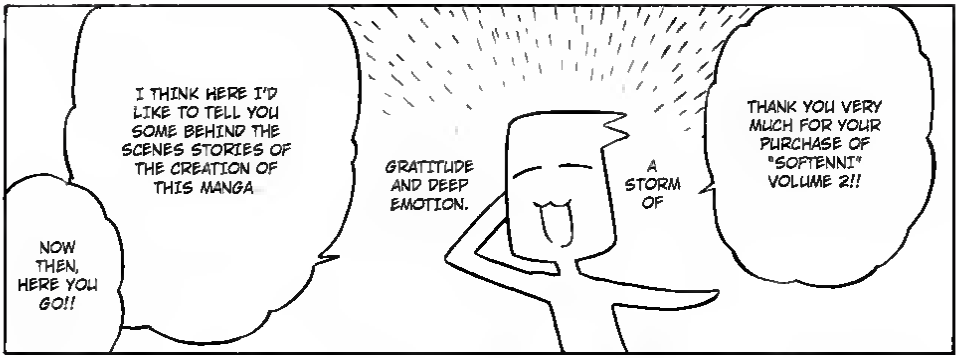
LET'S DO THIS!!!
SOUNDS FUN!!!

BUT WELL...
SHE'S THE VERY PICTURE OF A HOT-BLOODED IDIOT.
GOOD GRIEF.

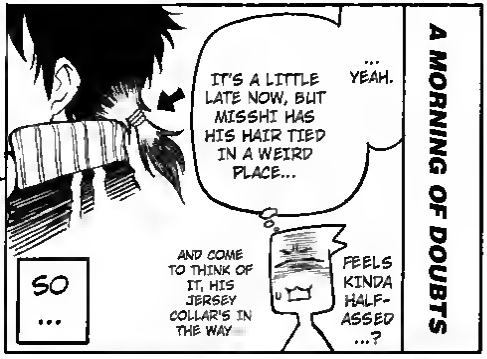
UH...
BEAT'S ME...?
I HAVEN'T THE SLIGHTEST
JUST WHAT IS SAWANTASH DOING IN THE SOFT TENNIS CLUB..?
SO, MISHIMAGI-SENSEI...
GROOOAAH

THERE IS NO WIMBLEDON FOR SOFT TENNIS THOUGH.
THAT'S THE WAY YOUNG ONES OUGHT TO BE.

AFTERWORD

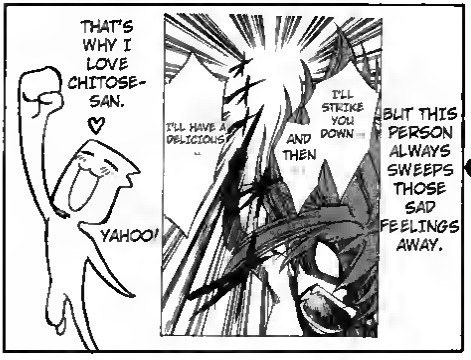

I THINK HERE I'D LIKE TO TELL YOU SOME BEHIND THE SCENES STORIES OF THE CREATION OF THIS MANGA
NOW THEN, HERE YOU GO!!
GRATITUDE AND DEEP EMOTION.
A STORM OF
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR PURCHASE OF "SOFTENNI" VOLUME 2!!

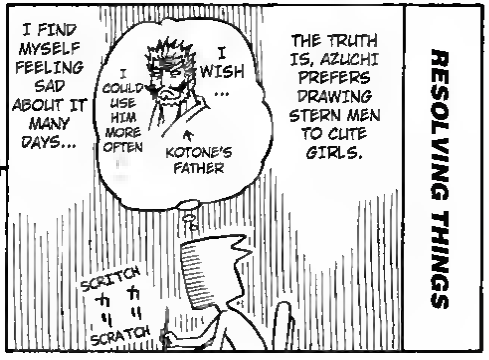
PROBLEM SOLVED!
ALL RIGHT!!!
AFTER MUCH CONTEMPLATION...
YIKES!
SHWOOM
THAT WAS WHY?!
CHAPTER 9 FOR REFERENCE
REFRESH!


A MORNING OF DOUBTS
IT'S A LITTLE LATE NOW, BUT MISSHI HAS HIS HAIR TIED IN A WEIRD PLACE...
... YEAH.
SO ...
AND COME TO THINK OF IT, HIS JERSEY COLLAR'S IN THE WAY...
FEELS KINDA HALF-ASSED ...?

...LIKE SOMEBODY TOOK A D*MP?!
....HUH?
NGH...
ON SECOND GLANCE DOESN'T THIS LOOK...

WHILE I DID MY BEST TO HIDE IT...
I MANAGED TO DISGUISE HIS WEIRD HAIR-HORN PRETTY WELL...
ALL RIGHT, THAT'S THAT.
WHEN LEO WAS CROSS-DRESSING ...
PHEW...
NGH?
TEE HEE! ♡


THAT'S WHY I LOVE CHITOSE-SAN. ♡
YAHOO!
I'LL HAVE A DELICIOUS...
AND THEN
I'LL STRIKE YOU DOWN...
BUT THIS PERSON ALWAYS SWEEPS THOSE SAD FEELINGS AWAY.


RESOLVING THINGS
I FIND MYSELF FEELING SAD ABOUT IT MANY DAYS...
I WISH ...
I COULD USE HIM MORE OFTEN
KOTONE'S FATHER
THE TRUTH IS, AZUCHI PREFERS DRAWING STERN MEN TO CUTE GIRLS.
SCRITCH
SCRATCH